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THE TEXAS PACIFIC BRIBES

PROOFS THAT MR. GEORGE'S CHARGES ARE TRUE.

HOW COL. SCOTT'S CORRUPTION FUND WAS DISBURSED — EX-CONGRESSMAN PARSONS, OF CLEVELAND, ONE OF HIS AGENTS—MORTON C. HUNTER ALSO IMPLICATED—LETTERS FROM GEN. NEWELL, MR. PARSONS, AND OTHERS, TELLING A PART OF THE STORY OF SHAME.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Just how guilty the Democratic portion of the House Pacific Railroads Committee has been in refusing to investigate the charges of corruption in the passage of the original Texas Pacific Railroad grant can be accurately determined, now that the facts submitted to Chairman McLane are sufficiently known. Only a portion of the facts submitted have been ascertained by THE TIMES's correspondent, but with what has been thus gathered, it is hard to understand how the Democratic majority of this committee should have decided that the subject was one that was beyond their jurisdiction without special authority from the House, and then take no steps to procure such authority. The question of extending the time of the grant to the Texas Pacific Company *is one that is pending.* If it can be shown that the original contract was obtained through fraud, the original contract surely fails. It is understood that a majority of this committee are already pledged to this extension, and for that reason will not go into anything likely to impair the prospects of their desired object.

It appears that Mr. George submitted to Mr. McLane evidence showing that R. C. Parsons—Dick Parsons—a former member of Congress from Ohio, and recently editor and proprietor of the Cleveland *Herald*, was the man who disbursed the land grant bonds among members to the amount of $1,000,000. This is shown in a letter from Parsons bearing as recent a date as April 20, 1880. It appears that Parsons had a contract with Col. Thomas A. Scott, upon which he was to be paid in land grant bonds 10 per cent. of the bonds disbursed by him. This would give him, if the contract had been carried out, as originally drawn up, 100 bonds of $1,000 each. Parsons, in the letter mentioned above, restates the terms of this contract, and further adds that Scott has not yet paid him, only $6,000 having been advanced on account. In the full letter shown to the committee, only an extract of which is given below, Mr. Parsons states what he did with the $6,000 advanced him. Three thousand dollars he paid in his own pockets and $5,000 he divided between two Government officers, one of whom at present holds a high position in this city. The $5,000 paid to these officers was for minor services connected with securing the passage of the subsidy. It appears that Col. Scott, in disbursing large sums in bonds among members and Senators, was not so careful about paying his agents. Although they had written contracts with him for a percentage of the bonds disbursed, yet these contracts were not of a nature that could be enforced in a court, and, as a part of the general system of dishonesty, refusal to pay the men who had done his work came as a matter of course.

Mr. McLane, when shown the letter of Parsons, asked: "Who is Parsons?" He was told that he was a former member of Congress from Ohio. Mr. McLane examined the Congressional records and found that Mr. Parsons was a member of the Congress succeeding that in which the subsidy was passed. Mr. McLane was also shown evidence criminating three Senators, one of whom is at present a member of the Senate. Mr. McLane took pains to ascertain this fact before deciding that no investigation should be had. The two officers who were paid $5,000 by Mr. Parsons performed the service of holding $62,000 in trust for the three Senators, among whom it was finally divided. This constitutes the entire amount of their services.

Gen. Newell, who is responsible for the George letter, has made answer to the statement made by Bond and recently published. He has prepared an interesting statement, covering some of the charges made against him by Bond. He gives first Parsons's letter, to show that Scott had made a similar contract with Parsons, and then quotes a letter from Col. Grafton, of the respectable legal firm of Grafton, Payne & Ladd, who witnessed the contract made between Scott and Newell. Gen. Newell's statement is as follows:

Mr. Bond, in his interview of the 21st, says: "The real agent in this scheme to black-mail us or prevent any legislation favorable to the Texas Pacific is one J. J. Newell." What Mr. Bond calls black-mailing on my part is this: I did call on him and other members of the board on the 11th and other days, and demanded of them the sum of $20,000, with interest for five years, not on a pretended contract with Morton, as stated by Bond, but on a contract with Col. Thomas A. Scott, in his capacity as President of the Texas Pacific Road. This I will show further on. I will now take up the matter as set forth in George's letter of the 17th. My connection with the parties began in May, 1870. The 2d of July, 1870, the Texas Pacific—not the El Paso, as stated by Bond—bill passed the Senate. I speak of the bill known as the Howard-Kellogg bill. By an amendment of Senator Nye, the Fremont incorporators were put in the Texas Pacific bill, which gave the Fremont interest control of the organization. Between the time of the passage of the bill in the Senate, viz., July 2, 1870, and the time it was acted on in the House, Fremont transferred his entire interest to Marshall O. Roberts, of New-York. Fears were entertained that the bill from the Senate would not pass the House, and arrangements were made to overcome the opposition. It was then that an arrangement was made between Roberts and R. C. Parsons for the distribution of $1,000,000 of land grant mortgage bonds of the Texas Pacific Road. Parsons was to have 10 per cent. for disbursing the bonds. The question is, did Parsons disburse the bonds? If he did, then there was due him $100,000 of said bonds. The following extract of a letter dated April 20, 1880, is good reading:

OFFICE OF THE CLEVELAND HERALD, CLEVELAND, April 20, 1880.

Your letter received. I supposed you had long since received your fees and that I was the only one Mr. Scott had declined to pay. I had a written contract with the original parties for 100 bonds. I have it still. Mr. S. paid me $6,000 at one time, $3,000 at another, and I gave him a receipt for $9,000. R. C. PARSONS.

To J. J. NEWELL.

Is it true that I was trying to black-mail Col. Scott, or was I endeavoring to collect a debt due to me by him as per an agreement. Let the following letters and telegram speak for themselves:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 5, 1875.

J. J. Newell, Adrian, Mich.: Come here. Want to see you. B. F. GRAFTON.

LANSING, Mich., Jan. 7, 1875.

B. F. Grafton, Washington, D. C.: Senatorial caucus to-night. Can I get a settlement by coming to Washington? J. J. NEWELL.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 8, 1875.

J. J. Newell, Lansing, Mich.: You can put cloth in shape to secure it. B. F. GRAFTON.

WASHINGTON, April 12, 1880.

Col. J. J. Newell, Washington, D. C.: Dear Sir: In reply to your inquiry I have to say that I was present at an interview between you and Col. Thomas A. Scott at Willard's Hotel, in this city, in the month of January, 1875, and the matter of his indebtedness of the Texas Pacific Railroad for services rendered by you was there considered, and Col. Scott, in behalf of said company, agreed to pay you for such services $20,000 in the land grant bonds of said company. The payment was to be made after the adjournment of Congress, but was not conditional on obtaining any legislation. R. F. GRAFTON.

It was about this time that the Texas and Pacific was organizing their forces to make a raid on Congress for a moneyed subsidy, and were very profuse in promising to settle up for past work and work to be done in the future. What was Mr. Scott settling with me at that time? The following letter can throw some light on the subject:

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 21, 1880.

J. J. Newell, Esq.:

DEAR SIR: In answer to yours of the 16th inst., in regard to the old unsettled matters of the Texas and Pacific Railroad Company, and whether contracts were made with yourself and others, I have to state that contracts were made in 1870 and approved by Gen. Fremont, by which yourself and others and R. W. Rice and myself were to have in payment for money expended and professional services rendered, $20,000 each in the bonds of the company, so soon as the company could reasonably issue the same. Mr. Roberts told me soon after, he had sold his interest in the road to Mr. Scott, that one of the conditions of the sale with Col. Scott was that these claims should be paid, and that Col. Scott would settle them as soon as he could get in working order. Yours truly,

G. H. GIDDINGS.

Having now shown the right I have to make a claim on the Texas and Pacific, and shown the falsity of the charge of black-mail made by Mr. Bond, I will rest the case until I can get a committee of Congress to investigate, with power to send for persons and papers. Then I will show all that Mr. George claims in *his letter to the committee will be made manifest.* J. J. NEWELL.

Mr. G. H. Giddings is a brother of a present member of Congress. Upon the basis of percentages in the contract with Parsons, the gentlemen named in Giddings's letter must have disbursed another $1,500,000 in bonds. Bonds about that time must have been scattered about with royal profusion, for it appears that Gen. Morton C. Hunter, who also aided in working this grant through, received a large sum. Hunter was afterward a member of Congress from Indiana. The fact that he held $100,000 in these land grant bonds was brought out in a local court in Texas, where a suit was brought against Hunter by H. Clay Hynson. The attention of Congress will be invited to-morrow to Mr. Newell's statement. It is not proposed to importune any member to introduce a resolution of investigation, but to wait and see if there is any member who has no railroad interests to serve who will venture to ask for an investigation. Here is given the personal testimony of three gentlemen, backed by one of the most reputable lawyers in Washington, that Scott did contract, in large amounts, with agents, to influence legislation. Many investigations here have been started upon a smaller basis. The Credit Mobilier investigation did not develop more than this promises.

CONGRESS AND THE UTE TREATY.

THE PASSAGE OF THE RATIFICATION BILL AN IMPERATIVE NECESSITY—AN EXECUTIVE MESSAGE ON THE SUBJECT EXPECTED.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—From present indications, it is reasonably certain that the final adjournment of Congress will not take place until the Marshals bill, the Electoral Count bill, and the Ute Treaty Ratification bill have been passed. The Marshals and the Ute bills have passed the Senate, and are now on the calendar of the House, while the Electoral Count bill is pending in the Senate. The latter will undoubtedly lead to a protracted discussion, and if it is decided to pass it before adjournment the dissolution of Congress cannot occur on May 31. The other two bills mentioned can be readily passed this week if the House will take them up for consideration. Wednesday night next is fixed for the consideration of the Ute bill, and the importance which attaches to it should induce the House to dispose of it without unnecessary delay. It is known that the President regards the passage of this bill as essential to the preservation of peace with the Ute Indians, and it is intimated that he will send a message to the House to-morrow directing the attention of that body to the threatening attitude of the Indians in Colorado toward the whites, in consequence of the preparations being made to penetrate the Indian reservation, and urging the early passage of a measure to secure the ratification of the treaty negotiated some time ago between the Government and the head men of the several Ute bands. The failure to pass this bill will certainly result in hostilities with the Colorado Indians, which will cost many lives and the expenditure of several million dollars, the entire responsibility for which will be attributable to the criminal neglect of the House of Representatives. There is no serious opposition to the passage of the bill, and if a quorum of members will attend the session on Wednesday night it is possible that it will be passed. Should the passage of this bill fail in consequence of the absence of a quorum, the absentees should be held responsible by the country for the terrible consequences which are certain to follow.

A MUSICAL ROW IN CINCINNATI.

MR. THOMAS LEAVES MUCH TROUBLE BEHIND HIM—AN OUTLOOK THAT IS NOT HOPEFUL FOR "THE MUSICAL CENTRE."

CINCINNATI, May 23.—Theodore Thomas took his final departure from Cincinnati last night, leaving behind a rich legacy of trouble in musical circles. His unexpected announcement, at the closing concert of the festival, that the festival chorus would hereafter be under the leadership of Michael Brand, took all by surprise. Brand is a young man, a violoncello-player in Thomas's orchestra, and has conducted one or two seasons of the orchestra concerts. He possesses none of the qualities required for a leader of a great chorus, and the friends of the college and festival are inquiring what it means. Otto Singer, who has held the post under Thomas for five years, has been summarily dismissed. He stood by the college in the recent trouble, and his friends say that Thomas's appointment of Brand was a blow aimed at the college. The matter promises to produce a great deal of discord. None of the projects to endow a permanent orchestra in Cincinnati, with Thomas at its head, are making headway. There is $25,000 in the festival treasury, and a citizen has offered to add $7,000 to it providing it is used to establish an orchestra; but as the income on this amount would not support such an orchestra as is proposed for more than a week in the year, the plan is not making hopeful progress. The festival receipts were $52,000; expenses, $38,000; profits about $14,000.

A CLERGYMAN EXONERATED.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., May 23.—After an exhaustive examination of the allegations of adultery against the Rev. Dr. Peltz, the principal testimony being sworn affidavits, his innocence has been thoroughly established. The committee of investigation and the church are unanimous. In the judgment of the church, however, he should abstain from preaching until he has recovered from the effect of the rumors.

NEW-YORK SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

SENECA FALLS, May 23.—The annual convention of the New-York State Sportsmen's Association for the Protection of Fish and Game will be held in this village to-morrow evening. The State shoot will begin on Tuesday morning. Thirteen thousand birds are now in the coops. The prize list is the largest and most valuable ever offered by the association, and all the indications point to a large and successful meeting.

END OF A LONG DROUGHT.

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., May 23.—General and plentiful rains throughout the Tide-water and Piedmont districts of Virginia for two days past have ended the drought that has prevailed for nearly two months. Corn-planting and other farming operations have been greatly delayed, and the est crop will be short.

A DEMOCRATIC DARK HORSE

SENATOR DAVID DAVIS PLACES HIS VIEWS ON PAPER.

A LETTER PLAINLY INTENDED TO ADVANCE THE WRITER'S POLITICAL INTERESTS—THE THIRD TERM AND THE REPUBLICAN POSITION CONDEMNED—VARIOUS OTHER TOPICS OF THE DAY DISCUSSED.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—The Hon. David Davis, of Illinois, sometimes called an Independent in politics, but better known at present as a "dark horse" in the race for the Democratic Presidential nomination, has become alarmed at the support which ex-President Grant has received from the Republican Party, and at the many indications of the success of that party in the approaching election. He has, therefore, given to the public, in the form of a letter to the Hon. O. H. Browning, of Illinois, an attack upon the third term and "the Republican demand for a strong Government." He adds his opinions upon several other public questions, including civil service reform, the power of corporations, subsidies, the tariff, troops at the polls, and public economy. But these cannot obscure the main purpose of the document. Judge Davis, like some other Senators, who openly bear the name of Democrats, probably sees that the nomination of the ex-President is equivalent to the defeat of the Democratic Party. He may hereafter reach the conclusion expressed yesterday by a Democratic Senator from the South, who said that the ex-President would be nominated and elected, and that the Democratic Party could not prevent his election. The following is Judge Davis's letter, and the letter from Mr. Browning, to which it is a reply:

I.

QUINCY, Ill., May 6.

MY DEAR JUDGE: The approaching close of the present session of Congress will, it is to be feared, leave questions unsettled which are of large public interest, and which materially affect the peace and the prosperity of the Union. Many of your friends in this State and throughout the West had hoped, and indeed had expected, that an opportunity would have been offered in the Senate, by which your views on these matters could have been made known to the country. It unfortunately happens, amid the distractions of party and the strifes of rival ambitions, that the voice of statesmanship is hushed too often when wise counsel is most needed. This was never more true than at the present time. The country is just emerging from a long period of trial and suffering. The people seek rest from angry discords, and desire to avoid a repetition of the perils through which they have passed. They crave good government, stability, and perfect reconciliation between the sections. The statesman who can achieve these great objects will be blessed as a public benefactor. If he be ventured to embody in the form of inquiries, appended to this letter, some of the subjects upon which your opinions are desired, if it be agreeable to you to comply with the request of a large body of voters and friends, without distinction of party. Truly your friend,

O. H. BROWNING.

Hon. DAVID DAVIS, United States Senate.

II.

WASHINGTON, May 14, 1880.

MY DEAR SIR: I have had the pleasure to receive your letter of the 6th inst. As a constituent, a friend, and an honored citizen of Illinois, you have a perfect right to ask for my views on public questions, and I have no hesitation in expressing them, taking the inquiries in the order presented:

Peace in the Union.—Permanent prosperity and fraternal fellowship are only to be attained by silencing sectional strife. A faithful adherence to the Constitution and all the amendments, strict observance of the laws in conformity therewith, and equal rights and equal protection for every citizen in every part of the Republic, will soon end the discords that have too long vexed the country and injured its material welfare. The people are weary of agitation and want peace.

Centralization.—The Constitution wisely defines the respective limits of the Federal and State Governments, under a happy and harmonious system, wherein each is independent in its appropriate sphere, and both operate in concurrency to protect the integrity and stability of the Union. Any encroachment of one on the distinctive domain of the other necessarily dislocates the machinery of the Constitution and involves danger to the whole body politic. In fact, every departure from the great charter of liberty and law is attended with peril. The demand made by adherents of one of the great parties for a strong Government means substantially a centralized Government, destructive of home rule in the States, and the very reverse of what Mr. Lincoln well described as a Government of the people, by the people, and for the people. Carried to its logical conclusion, such a change would finally overthrow the Republic.

The Third Term.—An innovation upon the sanctified traditions of the Presidency, first established by the example of Washington, is urgently demanded by powerful interest in the Republican Party. If the limitation of two terms, heretofore universally accepted, be destroyed, the way to a self-perpetuating Presidency will be opened by the use and abuse of the enormous public patronage. Break down this barrier, and an end of the experiment of republican government looms up darkly as the cost of a fatal concession.

Great Corporations.—The rapid growth of corporate power and the malign influence which it exerts by combinations on the National and State Legislatures, is a well-grounded cause of alarm. A struggle is impending in the near future between this overgrown power, with its vast ramifications all over the Union and a hard grip on much of the political machinery on the one hand, and the people in an unorganized condition on the other, for control of the Government. It will be watched by every patriot with intense anxiety.

Civil Service.—Neither laws nor commissions created under them will effectually reform the many and glaring abuses of the civil service. The former have been constantly evaded, and the latter are powerless for good. An honest Executive, bent on real and not simulated reform, has abundant authority to make it effective everywhere, if he has the capacity to see his duty, and the courage to perform it.

Subsidies.—Experience has demonstrated that subsidies in any form are sources of corruption, and ought to be forbidden. Private enterprises that depend for success upon legislation procured by venal agencies do not deserve public favor.

Public Lands.—More than 150,000,000 acres of valuable lands, and more than $100,000,000, principal and interest, have been voted by Congress to railroad corporations. The remaining lands should be sacredly reserved for cultivators of the soil, so that the laboring man shall have a chance to improve his condition, and to open up a future for his children away from the seductions of the great cities.

Revision of the Tariff.—Tariff practically means taxation, and all taxation not equitably adjusted is odious. While the interest on an oppressive public debt, the pensions earned with the blood of soldiers and sailors who fought for the Union, and the regular expenses of carrying on the Government are to be met, duties on imports must continue to furnish one of the sources of revenue. So long as these duties are levied, manufacturers will be benefited according to the degree or the mode in which the duties may be distributed. The existing tariff is regarded as a confused mass of incongruities and monopolies, created by special legislation and open to constant fraud on the revenue. It taxes the consumer heavily on those articles especially that are most needed by the toiling masses. It taxes every newspaper, every school-book, every Bible, and the salt of the working man, with gross injustice, because the poor pretense of revenue does not exist to cover the wrong. A revision, therefore, which shall be at once searching and fair is demanded, and should be promptly and efficiently made.

The Public Debt.—The debt of the United States in round numbers is two thousand millions, deducting the hoarded coin in the Treasury. The interest upon it last year was over one hundred millions. These are appalling figures. The rapid extinction of this debt is to be desired, first, because it diminishes present burdens, and for the additional reason that one of the effects of a personal national debt is to create a preferred class to live on income and free from taxes under our laws. Having the protection of the Government at home and abroad, they would contribute nothing to its support.

Economy.—It is practicable by co-operation between the Executive and Congress to reduce the public expenditures many millions annually, without impairing the efficiency of the public service. Retrenchment is needed for the reduction of taxes, but it is also needed because, properly administered, it would become a potent factor in reforming the civil service.

Elections.—The ballot-box should be the safeguard of the Republic, for it is intended to express the free will of a free people. Therefore elections ought to be exempt from the presence of any menacing force, and to be free from the contamination of corrupt returning boards. No party deserves confidence that seeks ascendency by striking down honest suffrage, either by the use of troops, by fraud, or by intimidation. It would not be proper for me to express any opinion upon measures pending or proposed in Congress. My votes will speak for themselves at the fitting time.

Having thus freely answered your inquiries, I may add, in conclusion, that my support will be cheerfully given to any candidate for President who, in good faith, will strive to carry out this general line of policy, which, in my judgment, is of far more importance than the ambition of any man, or even the success of any party. As ever, your friend, DAVID DAVIS.

The Hon. O. H. BROWNING, Quincy, Ill.

RAILROAD THIEVES RUN DOWN.

AN IMPORTANT CAPTURE NEAR SCRANTON—A DANGEROUS SYSTEM OF DISABLING RAILROAD CARS.

SCRANTON, Penn., May 23.—A desperate gang of railroad thieves, whose operations along the lines of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, and the Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western Railroad Company have been the cause of considerable alarm among officers and train hands during the past few months, have just been captured in this city. Their thieving consisted of stealing the brass seats and bearings from the cars, and then disposing of them as old brass in the junk-shops of New-York and Philadelphia. Within three months the Delaware and Hudson Company have lost from their cars in this valley 600 brass seats, valued at $3 each. These "seats" or bearings are constructed on the newest and most approved principle, and the brass of which they are made retails for 22 cents a pound in the city junk-shops. The loss of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Company has been even greater than that of the Delaware and Hudson Company. The former has lost more than 1,000 of these brass seats, and sustained greater damage from the robbery than the intrinsic worth of the property stolen. So frequent did the removal of car seats and bearings become that the train hands were actually afraid to undertake a trip lest some car in a long coal or freight train should develop some disabled part and culminate in a wreck, involving loss of life and limb. The Delaware and Hudson Company at length determined upon breaking up the system of robbery, and placed a number of detectives along its line. A short time before midnight, Friday night, one of the company's men, W. H. McDonald, while on duty near the Marvine Colliery, on the outskirts of this city, saw two men stealing out from the shubbery by the track. They adjusted a "jack" under a car-wheel and deliberately proceeded to remove its brass bearings. The detective immediately pounced upon the thieves, who fled, while the officer kept up a running fire in their trail, and threatened to take their lives unless they surrendered. One of the thieves, a junk-dealer named P. H. Coon, weakened after Detective McDonald had fired the third shot. The officer warned him that unless he halted the next shot would be fatal. Coon was brought before Alderman Roesler to-day. Several of the Delaware and Hudson Company's brass bearings were found in his possession and identified by Superintendent Manville, who appeared at the hearing. A check-book was found in Coon's possession, showing that he had paid his confederates large sums of money from time to time, and upon the information contained therein, an accomplice named W. H. Bond was arrested. Bond is a notorious bank-breaker, having been arrested for complicity in the Carbondale Bank robbery nearly five years ago, when Cashier Statt was bound and gagged and the vaults rifled of $20,000. The detectives are on the trail of the other members of the gang, who are supposed to be scattered all along the valley, and a number of arrests are expected soon.

GEN. GRANT WILL NOT WITHDRAW.

CHICAGO, May 23.—A special dispatch to the *Tribune* from Galena, Ill., says: "The Galena *Gazette*, whose editor is a personal friend of Gen. Grant and knows whereof he asserts, will publish the following to-morrow: 'An item has been going the rounds of the press asserting that George W. Childs, of the Philadelphia *Ledger*, had stated that Gen. Grant would order his name withdrawn from the contest at the National Convention at Chicago. Neither George W. Childs nor any one else has authority for making such an assertion. Gen. Grant's name has never gone before the public as a candidate for the Presidency by any word or act of his own, and he most certainly will not order his name withdrawn. A very large class of American people have chosen to make him their candidate, and if the Republican National Convention at Chicago sees fit to tender him the nomination, he will not decline it. This we know to be a fact, and we publish it because it is well that the Republicans of the country should cease to hold the matter in doubt."

THE BANKRUPT CORPORATIONS.

PHILADELPHIA, May 23.—There have been no new developments in the affairs of the Reading Railroad Company. President Gowen still declines to made any statement, and says that until matters are straightened out it will do no good to talk to the public. As far as can be ascertained, there have been no additional suspensions of brokers, and it is thought there will be no more. Well-informed men think if Trustees are appointed to take charge of the road the company will be able to clear itself in a few years.

FROM THE SAND LOTS.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 23.—Resolutions were passed at the Sand Lots to-day indorsing the action of the Greenback wing of the State Convention. An attempt was made in the Board of Ward Presidents to condemn said action by resolutions, but after debate, the resolutions were ruled out of order.

THE MAINE DEMOCRACY.

PORTLAND, May 23.—The Democrats of Portland have decided to urge the claims of Bion Bradbury for delegate at large to the Cincinnati Convention at the State Convention at Bangor. It is reported they will urge a local option plank in the platform.

THE MISSOURI DEMOCRACY.

ST. LOUIS, May 23.—Well-informed Democrats to-night claim that the State Convention will contain a large majority of candidates favorable to Tilden.

END OF THE OMAHA STRIKE.

OMAHA, May 23.—The strike at the smelting works ended to-day. A conference was held between Gov. Nance, the Smelting Works Company, and a committee from the strikers. The company had previously offered $1 25 for nine hours' work for common laborers. This afternoon the company offered $1 65 for 10 hours' work, and agreed to make no black lists. This was accepted by the strikers, who will all go to work to-morrow morning. The Government troops have been sent back to Fort Omaha, and the militia ordered to disperse immediately.

GEN. GRANT FOR PRESIDENT

THE CERTAINTY OF HIS CHOICE BY THE CHICAGO CONVENTION.

DIVISION OF THE NATIONAL DELEGATES AS SHOWN BY THEMSELVES AND THE STATEMENTS OF TRUSTWORTHY CORRESPONDENTS—STRENGTH OF THE VARIOUS CANDIDATES IN CONVENTION—GEN. GRANT ASSURED OF 387 VOTES, A CLEAN MAJORITY, ON THE FIRST BALLOT—A CAREFUL ESTIMATE OF THE OUTCOME OF AN EXCITING CANVASS.

Republican conventions for the purpose of electing delegates to the National Convention, which will meet in Chicago next week (Wednesday) to nominate a candidate for the Presidency, have been held in all the States except Louisiana and Colorado. The convention in Louisiana begins to-day, that in Colorado on Tuesday of this week, and the Territory of Idaho has not yet been heard from. It will thus be seen that 752 out of the 756, or whole number of delegates who will compose the Chicago Convention, have already been chosen, and it is now possible, with something like accuracy, to make an estimate of the relative strength of the different candidates whose claims will be brought before the National body. Such an estimate is here presented.

This table has been prepared with great care from statements made by special correspondents of THE TIMES, and from advices received at this office directly from delegates to the National Convention themselves. In cases where there has been doubt, the benefit of that doubt has invariably been given to the weaker candidates. The column of remarks, which is a new feature in tables of this kind, will be found instructive, and accurately represents the position and action of the various States in their conventions.

The figures of this estimate divide the delegates as follows: Grant, 304; Blaine, 309; Sherman, 81; Edmunds, 37; Windom, 10; Washburne, 4; doubtful, 27; total—752.

It will be noticed that of the 70 delegates from New-York, 22 are put down for Grant, 2 for Sherman, and 6 for Blaine. In reference to this apportionment, while some days ago it seemed possible, or even probable, that there might have been as many as 10 or 12 delegates from this State who would have declined to vote for Gen. Grant, it has become known within the past week that not more than 6, and perhaps not more than 5, of them will now vote against him in the National Convention, but in order to avoid any possible charge of unfairness, 8 votes are given against him.

The Pennsylvania delegation is given solid to Gen. Grant. As for the reported break in that State, there never was any such disaffection there, as was represented for a very obvious purpose. It may be said briefly, as the truth of that matter, that the intention of the Blaine managers was to create an impression in New-York and other States that a large number of the Pennsylvania delegates would break away from Grant and for Blaine. It was hoped by this desperate scheme to induce New-York delegates to declare themselves for Blaine in defiance of their instructions in convention, to influence States which had not yet held conventions in their action, and by the reaction of the course of the New-York delegates upon Pennsylvania, to persuade the delegates there to really do what they had been falsely represented to have done long before. The plan worked successfully only so far as to lead astray Senators Robertson and Woodin and two or three other New-York delegates, who now doubtless deeply regret their ill-advised action. Further than that, it is needless to say, the scheme fell flatly through.

In Indiana no votes have been given in this table to Gen. Grant, though his friends claim no less than 16 on the first ballot, and our own advices from that State warrant the belief that he will receive from 4 to 6. But, in the absence of positive information from the delegates themselves, we decline to give him any.

There seems to be some question about Dakota's two delegates, but the preponderance of evidence goes to show that their votes will be cast for Gen. Grant.

In Minnesota, which instructed for Senator Windom, it is a significant fact that the second *choice of the delegates is for Gen. Grant*—a fact attested by citizens of that State who are personally anything but favorable to his nomination. It has already been pointed out in THE TIMES that of the other candidates themselves Senator Edmunds and Mr. Washburne are in favor of Gen. Grant, and that not only among their supporters, but even among those of Senator Blaine and Secretary Sherman, there is little evidence of an anti-Grant or anti-third-term sentiment except in so far as Gen. Grant is their rival for Presidential honors.

It remains to say that of the delegates who have been set down as doubtful, at a moderate estimate, at least one-half will vote for Gen. Grant. Nor is it at all unlikely that quite a number of the colored delegates whom the Sherman agents have succeeded in securing in the South will, when they get to Chicago, see the hopelessness of their cause before the Convention, and unite their fortunes with the winning side.

Advices from Colorado make it probable that Colorado's delegates will vote for Gen. Grant.

As for Louisiana, there seems little doubt that there will be two delegations sent from that State to Chicago, and, as the fight there is a bitter one, most likely it will not be possible to determine the character of the Louisiana delegation until the National body itself decides the contest. Without counting that delegation, after reviewing the entire ground and giving more than every reasonable claim to the opposition, we cannot see how Gen. Grant can fail to receive 387 votes on the first ballot at Chicago, or 3 more votes than are necessary to secure his nomination.

States	Grant	Blaine	Sherman	Edmunds	Windom	Washburne	Doubtful	Total	Remarks
Alabama	20							20	Delegates pledged and instructed for Grant
Arkansas	19							19	Instructions for Grant
California			12					12	Instructions for Blaine
Connecticut			5	3	2		2	12	No instructions
Delaware			6					6	No instructions
Florida	6							6	Instructions for Grant
Georgia	9	9	6					24	No instructions
Illinois	42							42	Instructions for Grant
Indiana		2	24				4	30	Anti-Grant delegates at large appointed by State Committee
Iowa			20					20	All delegates instructed and pledged to Blaine
Kansas									No instructions; Blaine favorably mentioned; four contesting Grant delegates elected
Kentucky	24		10					10	Instructions for Grant
Maine			14					24	No State Convention
Maryland								14	Delegates "requested" to support Blaine by all honorable means
Massachusetts	10	2	2				2	16	No instructions; by Convention of the State Edmunds supported
Michigan	2			24				26	Delegates "requested" to support Blaine
Minnesota	3		19			10	19	51	Instructions for Senator Windom
Mississippi								11	No instructions
Missouri	5	4	2				2	15	Instructions for Grant
Nebraska	30							30	Blaine strongly indorsed
Nevada			6					6	Instructions for Blaine and the unit rule
New-Hampshire			6					6	No instructions
New-Jersey			10					10	No instructions
New-York	1	7	6		3			18	Instructions for Grant
North Carolina	22	2	6					70	No State Convention; delegates at large all for Sherman
Ohio	7	11					2	20	No instructions
Oregon		44						44	Instructions for Blaine
Pennsylvania	6		6					6	Instructions for Grant
Rhode Island	58							58	No instructions
South Carolina			8					8	Delegates pledged and instructed for Grant
Tennessee	13	1						14	No instructions
Texas	18		6					24	Unit rule recommended, but no candidate named
Vermont	14						2	16	Instructions for G. F. Edmunds
Virginia				10				10	Instructions for Grant
West Virginia	22							22	Instructions for Blaine
Wisconsin			10					10	No instructions
Arizona			7				13	20	
Dakota	6		6					6	No instructions
Dist. of Columbia	1		1					2	No instructions
Montana			2					2	
New-Mexico			2					2	
Utah									Blaine delegates chosen, but not instructed by committee, contesting and uninstructed delegates chosen by a convention
Washington			2					2	
Wyoming	1		1					2	
Total	304	81	309	37	4	10	27	752	

THE CONTEST IN LOUISIANA.

FAILURE OF THE SHERMAN AGENTS' COMPROMISE SCHEME—THE GRANT CAUCUS REFUSES TO JOIN IN TREACHERY.

NEW-ORLEANS, May 23.—The Sherman and Blaine men pushed their peculiar tactics here to-day, and made a desperate effort to win by a compromise what they knew they could not win in a contest. As the result of much maneuvering, a conference was arranged between the representatives of the three parties. Taylor Beattie, last Republican candidate for Governor of the State, Pardie, Pinchback, Morey, and Ludeling appeared for Gen. Grant, ex-Gov. Warmoth for Blaine, and Naval Officer Lewis, Collector Badger, Deputy Collector Dumont, and United States District Attorney Leonard for Sherman. The Sherman men evidently had some most effective arguments at command, which the Grant representatives could not withstand, since the latter entered into a conspiracy—compromise they called it—by which it was attempted to deliver over to Sherman and Blaine one half of the Louisiana delegation to Chicago.

The next thing, and the essential one, was to get the Grant party to ratify this compromise. A caucus was called at the head-quarters of the party, and the proposition was submitted for approval. Then the fun began, and the debate which followed was strong and stormy. Beattie, Pinchback, and Pardie urged with all their persuasive power the adoption of the Sherman scheme. Beattie's speech invited criticism, and the colored men who replied to it were not slow to expose its many weak points. Pinchback charged the delegates with having in their pockets Custom-house money to purchase their votes in convention to-morrow, and claimed that if the compromise was not ratified by the caucus Grant would not get a vote from Louisiana in the National Convention. He said he had been sold out too often by Louisiana Republicans not to know how to avoid breakers in the future, and he proposed now to take the best terms he could get. He was warmly answered by Atwood, who declared that to accept the proposed disgraceful compromise would be an act of treachery toward the people who sent them here instructed to vote for Grant delegates. Robinson, of Caldwell, an eloquent but uneducated full-blooded negro, said that his people knew no one but Grant. They had sent him to the convention to vote for the great soldier, and, although he was poor, and had been offered money and official place to vote for Sherman delegates, yet he would obey the unanimous wishes of his people, and vote for Grant, even though he had to work his passage back home on a steam-boat. The compromise was rejected decisively by the caucus, and it was made plain to the Sherman agents that they could not succeed by any such palpable trick in leading the Grant men from their just position. A committee of five was appointed to confer with the same number from the Custom-house party, and to demand 19 members of the delegation to Chicago for Gen. Grant. The evidence that money has been received from Washington was confirmed to-day by the free use of it among delegates by the Sherman officers. The effect was, indeed, only too apparent in the caucus to-day.

Another correspondent at New-Orleans says: A careful canvass of the delegates shows them to be about equally divided between Grant and Sherman and Blaine. A compromise will probably be made, giving Grant eight delegates and Sherman and Blaine the other eight.

NEW CHICAGO CHURCHES.

CHICAGO, May 23.—A new and handsome Roman Catholic Church, erected at a cost of $100,000, on Wabash-avenue, between Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth streets, to be known as St. James's Church, was dedicated to-day with impressive ceremonies in the presence of an immense audience. Many prominent Catholic clergymen assisted in the dedicatory services, among whom were the Right Rev. Bishop Kranthaner and Bishop Dumesch, of Fort Wayne. The sermon was preached by Bishop Spalding.

The cornerstone of a large and costly Swedish Lutheran church, at the corner of May and Huron streets, was laid to-day by the Rev. Hans Carlson.

THE MARYLAND JOCKEY CLUB.

BALTIMORE, May 23.—The annual Spring meeting of the Maryland Jockey Club on the Pimlico Course will begin on Tuesday and continue four days. The track, improved by the rain of yesterday, was never in better condition for both safety and speed. Over 200 horses are reported in the stables at Pimlico, among which are the best known racers, and representing all the noted stables in the country, including Belmont's, Lorillard's, Bowie's, Crouse's, Jennings's, Reed's, Frank Hall's, Sereno's, West's, Brown's, Lloyd's, and a number of others. The prizes given by the club at this meeting amount to over $15,000.

THE VAGARIES OF JUSTICE.

AN UNFORTUNATE OLD FRENCH GENTLEMAN.

THE INNOCENT TO BE MADE TO SUFFER IN PLACE OF THE GUILTY—WHAT THE JESUITS ARE GOING TO DO—THE, EMPIRE OF CLERICALISM.

PARIS, May 10.—Prof. D—— is an eminent scientist, who lives in one of the most aristocratic hôtels of the noble Faubourg

Police if the Police be employed; there must be *effervescence* to obtain an entrance, and the employment of force to obtain admission. The gendarmes, naturally can turn out unarmed priests who will not raise a hand to defend themselves, but once set at liberty—and nothing in the code can authorize their detention—they will return to their cloisters, from which violence must again be employed to procure their ejection. It will be an edifying spectacle for this century of progress and liberty, but these performances will not be the most entertaining feature of the business. Certainly, there are laws which could be invoked against monastic institutions, but they had become obsolete, and to dig them up now for application will give the opportunity for bitter Republicans to ask why other laws which have never been repealed, and which affect Protestants and Jews, and other heretics, should not be equally applied, under a regime whose motto is Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity. M. Lamy wasted his arguments on Monday in vain efforts to persuade the Chamber to interfere before it was too late, and the Chamber laughed at him when he told his colleagues that the penal code protected and did not endanger the congregations. It is deplorable; the country was becoming accustomed to Republican institutions, and, with a few years of moderation, Republican sentiments would have so rooted in the nation that no other Government would have been even dreamed of, but with such a spectacle of intolerance as will be presented in the course of the next six months French citizens will begin to think that the boasted liberalism of their rulers only means liberty to think as they think, not liberty to profess an adverse opinion.

No one who has not lived among the French otherwise than as foreigners generally live can form a true idea of the immense influence of Frenchwomen, who, whatever faults they may possess, are by no means the trifling nonentities, devoted to fashion and intrigue, which they are supposed to be by superficial observers. The ties of family affection are stronger in France than in any country in the world, and nowhere else is the authority of parents over children, the devotion of children to parents, nearly so great. Ninety-nine Frenchwomen out of every hundred die Catholics; ninety-nine per cent of these are professing Catholics, for whom the laws of their Church and the sermons of their spiritual advisers are far more binding than anything set down in the code. This condition of things may be most undesirable, it may be all wrong; these are questions entirely foreign to the subject; I do not discuss what ought to be, I merely state facts, and these facts are that the immense majority of women of all classes, except the most abject, will rebel, an man, against anything which infringes the rights of those whom they have been taught, and whom they have taught their children to venerate. The female tongue will wag most industriously and indefatigably everywhere, and paterfamilias, if for nothing else than to escape curtain lectures, will vote, at the next elections, against those who have caused the agitation. The orders—this I can state authoritatively—will not invoke the protection of the laws as communities; the members of the ostracized congregations will act individually, and his action will be in the shape of the prosecution of every individual who has participated as an instrument in what they maintain is an arbitrary and illegal violation of the rights of an inoffensive category of French citizens. Over 20,000 men and women come within the scope of the decrees of the 29th of March, and these 20,000 will carry their cases, in each instance against perhaps half a dozen agents of the Administration, first into the Tribunaux de Premiere Instance, thence to the Cours d'Appel, and finally to the Cour de Cassation, all of which will extend and prolong an excitement that possibly may become dangerous, but which will certainly cover with ridicule its instigators. No one appreciates the situation better than M. Grevy and M. Gambetta and M. De Freycinet, but the first is so strictly constitutional that he will not interfere, and the other two understand that it would be entirely useless to attempt resistance to the present Chamber of Deputies, which nominally represents the opinion of the majority of the nation; whether it does represent correctly this majority we shall fully know when the electors are again summoned to the polls, which, according to the precise letter of the law, can only be in 1881, unless the President should see cause for the exercise of his prerogative and dissolve the Chambers.

Timorous people predict bloodshed and civil war before it is over. I can see no danger of either, although it is impossible to calculate what the roughs may do, urged on as they are by certain demagogues who paint fearful pictures of the wickedness of the clergy, call the congregations "laboratories of imposture and falsehood, pestilential hotbeds of depravity," vide M. Rigault's interpellation of the Director of Public Instruction in the Municipal Council's session of the 8th of May. This gentleman and his friends have made a great discovery in politico-natural history; the clerical hydra! Formerly it was the revolutionary hydra, but now the beast has changed his skin and has become clerical, and is therefore all the more dangerous. The serpent's usual food is little boys and girls, and it is said to think now many little boys and girls are devoured annually by the monster. The Algerian Deputies have even discovered that he has commenced to "ever up" the Navy, which hitherto republican institution is gradually being contaminated by the foul leprosy of priestcraft." Admiral Jaureguiberry has been memorialized by the deputation, and has promised that a court of inquiry shall investigate the facts connected with the heinous offence of which the officers of the flag-ship Colbert, now lying in the port of Algiers, have been guilty. It seems that there are wags on board of the Colbert, and that one of them has sketched and hung up in the ward-room three caricatures, destined, say the honorable colonial representatives, "to satirize the institutions of the Republic" heretofore its "glorious motto." The first of these obnoxious pictures is entitled Liberty—a huge mastiff with a spiked collar, who is running amuck, dragging after him a broken chain; Equality appears in the form of two hogs eating garbage in the same sty; two ruffians armed with bludgeons pursuing, arm in arm, a belated pedestrian, personify Fraternity. These things should not be tolerated, exclaim the indignant Deputies; these things shall not be tolerated, replies the docile Minister of Marine. This clerical hydra is a dreadful animal; like the hateless dragon of Northern China, he is the immediate cause of all manner of mischief. Short crops, wet weather, strikes among workmen, everything untoward and discomforting can be and must be traced to his machinations.

It is entirely his fault that Sara Bernhardt left the Comédie Française, for it will soon be proved, beyond the possibility of doubt, that M. Perrin, the manager, is in direct communication with Father Beax, of the Society of Jesus, and that it is because of orders from Rome that the great actress failed in the "Aventurière." M. Perrin was hauled over the coals for presuming to produce "Daniel Rochat," which Deputy Gardeau gravely asserts is "equivalent to the insertion of a protest against the institutions of the country in the *Journal Officiel*." The manager had some difficulty in justifying himself, and even though he Committee on Appropriations did graciously agree not to dock 100 francs from his annual subsidy by way of punishment, he is not out of the wields yet. A commission, which might almost be called *de lunatico inquirendo*, is actively, if quietly, busy in its examination of the proximate reasons for Sara's escapade, and I fancy that M. Perrin will ultimately be made to pay for the broken china, by his removal. I have been promised the first fruits of the commission's researches, before they become public property, and am assured that sundry and various piquant revelations will eventually lead to the reinstatement of the capricious one, who will be proved to be not capricious at all, but only a much-to-be-pitied and much-put-upon and calumniated martyr, to whom crown of suffering was added another thorn of anguish by Mlle. Croizette's great success, on Saturday night, in the very part where Sara was so unsatisfactory.

A SADLY USED-UP HUSBAND.

Jacob Merschein was brought to the prisoner's bar in the Essex Market Police Court, yesterday, with his head very badly bruised, and wearing a shirt torn and covered with blood. His wife, Elizabeth, of No. 73 Forsyth-street, charged that he came in the door of her room at an early hour and struck her on the head with a cleaver. She could show no marks of the blow, however, nor could the account for her husband's sadly battered appearance. Merschein said something about a fight with Mrs. Bell, who had been assaulted by Peter Sassman, his landlord, and Angus Leland, a tenant of the same house. He said they both came to his room and knocked him down, and that they one and all beat him while the officer held back the door with a pile of wood. There was a flood of contradiction from all parties at this statement, and the prisoner's wife poured forth a story of the cruelty of her husband. Justice Wandell finally said he he would discharge the husband on his promise that he would not go near his wife again. The prisoner then left, saying he was very glad he had escaped so easily, and he would be very careful not to have anything to do with his wife in future.

AT RUSSIA'S FRONT DOOR

THE FROWNING FORTRESSES OF CRONSTADT.

THE CZAR STRENGTHENING HIS DEFENSIVE WORKS—THE QUAINT CHARMS OF DENMARK'S CAPITAL—STREET SCENES AND FAMOUS PUBLIC BUILDINGS—A COUNTRY RICH IN HISTORY AND LEGEND.

OFF CRONSTADT, May 7.—Here we are at last before the front door of Russia—for Cronstadt Island may be fairly termed—and certainly no pains have been spared to bar it securely. Five more forts have been built across the South Channel since 1854, the smallest of which is as formidable in size and weight of metal as those which then confronted Sir Charles Napier. The defenses of the North Channel have been increased by a powerful battery, planted on the long spit of land which juts out from the Finnish coast, just opposite Cronstadt, while the works along the front of the island itself, commanding the seaward approaches, have been strengthened with movable turrets and shields of iron-plating, at a cost of more than $600,000. In addition to all these, St. Petersburg is sufficiently protected by the extreme shallowness of the 17 miles of water that lie between it and Cronstadt. This is so great as to make the channel impassable save by vessels of the lightest draught, all freight steamers being obliged to go up to the capital in ballast, after discharging at Cronstadt; but the recent cutting of a canal through the Gulf itself—a scheme which I heard M. Putiloff advocate in a very able speech, as long ago as 1872—will considerably facilitate their approach. Such precautions tell their own story. Russia has not forgotten the days when Napier's men-of-war lay like great castles upon these bright, peaceful waters, with their grinning broadsides ready to blaze into death-dealing thunder at any moment, a sight of ever-present terror to the eyes which peeped timidly forth at it day after day from the dark woods of Oranienbaum on the opposite shore. And what has happened once may happen again. Germany has a fleet in the Baltic which, if inferior to that of Russia in actual number of ships, is superior both in men and metal. Moreover, the planting of such sentinels as Kiel and Wilhelmshaven at the entrance of the "Russian lake" must needs be distasteful to an Empire which has been lavishing her blood and treasure for nearly two centuries in gigantic efforts to break the shackles of the Sound on one side and the Bosphorus on the other. Not without reason has the *Golos*, the ablest and most far-sighted of Russian daily papers, again and again advocated the establishment of a second naval station at Helsingfors, the capital and chief port of Finland, so as to place any hostile fleet between two fires. But in Russia, as in other and more civilized countries, talking of a thing seems to be the recognized substitute for doing it.

I must not forget my promised description of Copenhagen, which, however, dwarfed by the mighty magnificence of Paris, Vienna, or St. Petersburg, has a quiet beauty of its own far beyond their oppressive splendor. To right and left extend the curving shores of Zealand, with their rocky islets and white villas and rustling woods, framed in a broad band of purple sea. In front stand the dark-red batteries of Amak Island, which once held their own for four hours against the best of Nelson's "hearts of oak," and drew from the great sailor the comment that "the officer who commanded them ought to be made an Admiral." In the inmost hollow of the blue sunlit bay nestles the beautiful city itself, above whose clustering trees rise the tall square tower of the Frue Kirke, the twisted spire of the Exchange, and the broad, flat, grayish-white summit of the famous "Round Tower." Were one disposed to be critical, one might note in the Danish capital the same faults which mar the imperial city of Peter the Great, and from which Stockholm is so magnificently exempt, viz., an utter want of elevation. But once within the town itself, the enchantment is complete. Nowhere save in Iceland or the Faroe Isles have I seen the peculiar charm of Denmark's simple old-world life at all paralleled. In Russia there is an air of uncomfortable civilization, suggestive of Robinson Crusoe's "man Friday" trying on European clothes for the first time. In France and Germany everything has a sayor of drill and pipe-clay, as if national progress itself could only advance in time to a military march. But the Danes display their simple habits as unaffectedly as the ancient buildings of Copenhagen display the date of their foundation. From the homely, comfortable-looking palace of Christian IX., smaller than many a railway hotel, down to the red-tiled cottages of the Zealand peasants, with their clean, white floors and flower-decked windows, the same air of pastoral simplicity and quiet, unpretending neatness meets you at every turn. As you saunter past the gray, many-gabled Exchange, (founded by Christian IV. in 1624,) or look up at the vigorous old age of the Nicholas Church, with its pale brick-red complexion unmarred by the storms of three centuries, or watch the red-capped fishermen spreading their nets on the shore as in the time of Olger Danske, you feel ready for any marvel of the Old World. You would hardly wonder to see Andersen's stories protesting against the libelous ditty carolled in their dishonor by the naughty boys of the Nytorv, (New Market,) or the Snow Queen flashing past in that glittering ice-chariot, "whose horses are the four winds of heaven," or rosy Hjalmar floating seaward in his toy boat, and crunching gleefully the ever-renewed candy of Fairyland. A moralist might find ample food for reflection in the marvelous and almost grotesque contrast between the exterior and interior of the famous Fru-Kirke, the Notre Dame of Copenhagen. The most enthusiastic of the sons of Odin could hardly discover much beauty in the heavy bulging mass, terminated by a clumsy square tower of dingy red—like a huge stove with a disproportionately large chimney—which meets his eye as he emerges from the Studien-Strasde. But when he enters and beholds the massive pillars which upbear the etherial tracery of the roof, the sweet, serene face of the kneeling angel that supports the marble font, the high, hero-bearing of the chosen Twelve, and the glorious figure of the Divine Master, with look of calm compassion and hands outstretched in blessing—then, indeed, he may indulge his patriotic pride without fear of opposition. Had Thorwaldsen produced no other statues, these alone would have immortalized him; and his presentation of them to His reigning sovereign was as noble a gift as ever one king of men gave to another.

Little need be said here about the municipal "lions" of the city, viz.: The Royal Picture Gallery, the far-famed Tivoli Garden, the turreted lozenge-windowed Exchange, with its fantastic spire of intertwined serpents; the sturdy, unadorned homeliness of the Round Tower, and the Thorwaldsen Museum, where the great sculptor sleeps amid his noblest works. Like everything really worth seeing, they have been often described and never done justice to. Indeed, most of those who see them do so amid the screeching of those birds of prey who for "three shilling de day" will hurry you round the town against time, in the hottest hours of noon; take you with scrupulous accuracy over all the sights which you do not want to see, with just enough time over each to fire without enlightening you, a volubly confused explanations, couched in English, to make them doubly unintelligible, till you fully sympathize with the poor French Professor who, after "a series course of "splendid views," said meekly: "*Aimez vous les beauties de la nature? Bien moi, je les abhorre!*" But the real "sight" of Copenhagen is not the Museum, not the Picture Gallery, not, in fact, any of the long catalogue of curiosities so industriously pieced together by Mr. Murray's Koran in red binding. It is Copenhagen itself. One half hour in the Oestergade (East-street) on a fine Summer afternoon is worth a whole day of so-called "sight-seeing." Picturesque groups, indeed, are merry-cheeked school-boys on a bird's-nesting crusade, in all the boundless enjoyment of a "whole half-holiday;" stalwart laborers, whose muscular development might have satisfied the most critical Viking of old time; spruce, handsome soldiers in dark blue, looking pleased with themselves and with the world in general; ruddy, shock-headed apprentices; making the air ring with broad jests and responsive peals of laughter; sallow, white-capped Russian sailors, staring about them as eagerly as children at a show; elegantly-dressed ladies eyeing the new fashions in the surrounding windows with true scientific appreciation, and perhaps a few travelers from the far West, peering reverently at the tall corner-house from which Oehlenschlaeger died, and knocked at it in 1870 and 1871 in vain, observed by all observers, the long, quaint figure and bright dreamy eyes of dear old Hans Christian Andersen. All are thorough specimens of that quaint, shrewd, daring, indomitable Danish race, which nine stormy centuries have left unchanged since the days when Ragnar Lodbrog chanted his death-song amid the gnawing vipers, and Hubbo of Odinsee hewed Ella in pieces before the gates of York. In such company one may well echo the words of that rough, manly song which you hear in every street of Copenhagen, and which is to Denmark what "Old John Brown" is to America:

"And we must do our best, you know, for if we sink away,
The Germans will come in on us, and for us make our hay;
And so with all my might,
Like a soldier brave, I'll fight,
Hurrah! hurrah! hurrah!"

Of the environs of Copenhagen it is impossible to speak too highly. On the east, you pass at one stride from among the quaint old nine-storied houses, which stare at you from their arched windows as from uplifted eyebrows, to the green, open country, rich in stately trees and blossoming hedgerows, in busy windmills, peopled on grassy knolls, and clear, smooth streams, alive with darting fish. On the west, the breezy promenade along the sea-wall, in full view of the harbor, leads to a high rampart of turf, from which you survey as lovely a panorama of field and forest, sunny hillsides and shadowy dells, winding shores and blue, sparkling water, as ever gladdened the eye of an artist. No wonder the roads are thronged, all the Summer through, with many-seated cars and substantial omnibuses, freighted with shouting children, well-filled lunch-baskets, and the most jovial holiday-makers in all Europe. Fredensborg, the Central Park of Copenhagen, is probably the most frequented of its suburban resorts, and certainly not without reason. Lying within easy reach of the city, it offers a choice of attractions sufficiently varied to meet all tastes. Those who are fond of solitude may there find secluded nooks and shady paths which Spenser himself would have commended. Those who admire fine scenery may survey at a glance Copenhagen itself, the distant coast of Sweden, and the blue expanse of sunlit sea between, from the brow of the hill upon which Fredensborg Palace stands. The more practical spirits who seek only fresh air to brace their jaded nerves, and the creature comforts of good tea and bread and butter, may count upon an ample supply of all three. The palace itself is a homely-looking, whitewashed building, more like big farm-house than a royal residence, but very clean and comfortable within. At the foot of the hill upon which it is built lies a small artificial lake, the favorite resort of the late King, old Frederick VI., who was as fond of boating as Louis XVI. of lock-making, or the Czar Nicholas of drilling soldiers. On this lake his Majesty was wont to display the nautical skill which he thought he possessed, by steering a pleasure-boat rowed by the Crown Prince and the officers of the court. To enjoy this august spectacle, the loyal Danes crowded into the park by thousands every Sunday evening, and clustered around the spot where their King and Governor was thus amusing himself. On one occasion, however, the royal steersman was graciously pleased to handle his craft so awkwardly as to run her violently aground, with a shock which sent the oarsmen sprawling; whereupon a naval officer in the crowd, with more wit than prudence, shouted in a stentorian voice, "Ship ahoy! Shall I send a pilot on board?" This commentary so enraged the stranded monarch that he sought out the offender and cashiered him, as a warning to all irreverent folks who should presume to make sport of the little weaknesses of their superiors.

It would be an endless task to enumerate the countless other beautiful spots, rich in historical and legendary associations of every kind, which abound in every part of Zealand. But if one spot is to be held sacred above all the rest, let it be, for the sake of those qualities which must be reverenced and women have loved since the beginning of time, the Soldiers' Grave-yard at Copenhagen. The great cemetery beside it may be showier and more spacious, but it lacks the simple pathos which gathers around "those who died in harness." In the cemetery are trim marble crosses and stately granite obelisks; the soldiers' ground displays only plain wooden tablets, all bearing the same terribly significant date, (1864,) and the brief, touching inscription, "Fell for the Fatherland." A fit epitaph, indeed, for these nameless heroes, who knew at least how to die when success was hopeless. Not a single man buried here was over 25. Picked men indeed were these, Denmark's best and bravest; "rare food for powder," as the imperial artillerist used to say of his own legions. They lie here in native Copenhagen, with the sweet Spring flowers blooming above them, and bright-eyed children, who were unconscious infants at the time of the great conflict, bringing their little cans of water to sprinkle the graves of the fathers and brothers whom they never knew.

BLACK WALNUT FOR ENGLAND.

HOW OUR FEW REMAINING WESTERN FORESTS ARE BEING DESTROYED.

From the Des Moines (Iowa) State Register.

The lumber-dealers of England are making a grand raid on Iowa and all the black walnut States, and are fast taking from us all that we have left of that timber. The native forests in Ohio and Indiana were rich with this now precious wood, and the early settlers of those States, in clearing the land for agricultural purposes, destroyed numberless thousands of acres of the timber, little thinking that in doing so they were destroying that which in a few years would have made their lands more valuable than gold or lead mines. The havoc of timber in Ohio and Indiana—the settlers there spending nearly a hundred years in steadily destroying the woods with which they found the surface covered, girdling and killing the great forests one year and burning them the next—is one of the queer things in American history so it is now looked at. The magnitude of it young people now and all the people of the future will never realize. It was an enormous destruction of property, the total loss of which may be estimated at hundreds of millions of dollars. But it was inevitable. For although west of Indiana and Ohio there were the known open fields and boundless prairies making up the whole new North-west, there was no market for the plows and implements first set foot on it, there was no iron horse to make it, in its far-away location from the markets of the world, available. So it was ignored, and two generations of industrious people spent their lives and wore them out in the pitiless toil of hewing down and burning the forests of Ohio and Indiana. To the people of the present time these 75 years of steady assault on the forests seem almost like a 75-years war and havoc. For it is estimated by good judges, that if the States of Ohio and Indiana stood covered now with their native forests they would be worth more in actual value than they are as they stand to-day. The destruction has but lately stopped. The writer here has seen in the last 20 years this destruction going on in Indiana—in the great woods of Jennings and Bartholomew Counties. Of the 30 acres of walnut and poplar the settler then spent six or eight years of hard labor to destroy would now make him rich, and be worth far more than his cleared farm—and that was only 40 years ago. When there was not this one excuse, that there were no railroads to take settlers to the open land, where the soil was still richer and there were no forests to fell.

But we are writing of this English raid on Iowa. It is a raid to take from us what of black walnut we have left. The popular song of the railroads of this State sees now, at nearly every important station, a little out-door steam saw-mill working away like mad, ripping up black walnut logs into great slabs. All over the West, in the black walnut belt, these little saw-mills are cutting up into a certain form of boards and thick of walnut the best walnut that can be got hold of. A large and wealthy corporation of Indianapolis men, co-operating with a company of English capitalists, are the proprietors of these mills. They pay their buyers out of every little station and in the rural districts, and wherever the smallest patch of black walnut can be found. Two of these little mills are now tearing away in the City of Des Moines, another at Mitchellville, and all that we have left of this valuable timber in Polk County and Central Iowa is fast passing under their saws, coming out broad slabs, and going thence directly on the cars on their way to England, where, in their greater wisdom, the people have come to know that black walnut wood is already as valuable, because of its durability, beauty, and graying quality, as mahogany. It is a general raid all over the West, and our farmers, if they knew of the scheme, would not sell their walnut trees as they are selling them now, for a mere tithe of what they are really worth.

A RAT PUT TO FLIGHT BY SPARROWS.

From the Toledo (Ohio) Blade, May 20.

In the friezes and cornices of the Boody House immovable sparrows have made their abodes. They have all the appearance of enjoying a sense of exclusive proprietorship, such as the statue crows and daws seem to assert over the ancestral trees in which they have their century-old habitations. A few mornings ago a large rat was observed perched on the coping which runs along the front of the house just above the first story. Presently he attracted the notice of a few sparrows, who set up a most vicious twittering, as if in excited consultation. Some flew away, soon returning with others, until quite a force was marshaled, when they pounced upon the rat with great vigor, pursued him along the front of the house, and finally him out of sight around the corner. The rat seemed to refuse, until the report, either past, succeeded in making his escape by a partly-opened window into the house. Being asked concerning, with the exception of the intruder, the house experienced a few days of unusually twittering and recovered their accustomed quietude.

THE JEROME PARK RACES

PROGRAMME OF THE JOCKEY CLUB.

THE MEETING TO OPEN ON DECORATION DAY AND TO CONTINUE SIX DAYS—THE EVENTS TO BE DECIDED AND THE PURSES TO BE COMPETED FOR.

On Monday next, Decoration Day, the gates of Jerome Park will be thrown open to the public, and the racing in this vicinity will commence in earnest. Secretary Wheatly has just returned from the West, and he says that the country is full of fine horses. Indeed, this has been amply indicated by the remarkable time that has been made this Spring, and, therefore, the coming meeting of the American Jockey Club will fulfill all the requirements which the programme promised to the sport-loving community. The Jockey Club is making many improvements for the comfort of the spectators, which will be fully appreciated by the habitués of Jerome Park. The old pool stands at the north end of the grand stand have been boarded over, while beyond is a small saddling paddock, also covered. Those who have the privileges of the betting ring will, therefore, be under cover. The railroad communication with the course will be complete, a branch road having been constructed from the Fordham depot of the Harlem Railroad to the track, through the woods. The elevated railroad will run into the course at the rear of the grand stand, a wooden bridge over the slope making direct communication with the depot. Thus there will be no further need of rushing after trains over dusty roads, and ladies can make the trip to the course with some degree of comfort.

And now for the programme of racing which the Stewards of the Jockey Club have laid out. The meeting is to continue six days, and the liberal sum of $21,000 is given in purses and added money to stakes, divided among 30 races. The meeting will be initiated on Decoration Day with the usual dash of one mile for a purse of $500, which is an increase over former years, and will doubtless draw out a large field. Horses not having won a race of the value of $1,000 after 9 years old are allowed 3 pounds; maidens 5 pounds if 3 years old, 10 pounds if 4 years, and 15 pounds if 5 years or upward. The second race will be the great Metropolitan Stakes, a handicap of $100 each, half forfeit, and $15 if declared by May 30, with $1,500, the winner of any race after publication of the weights to carry 5 pounds, of two races, 10 pounds extra. The distance is a mile and a half. This closed with 87 nominations, and only a dozen have been declared out. Checkmate has the top weight—131 pounds—but he won two races at Washington, so he will be obliged to carry 131 pounds. Of the heavy weights, Vera Cruz has probably the best of it with 118 pounds, while old Vagrant will be hard to beat with 112 pounds, which includes the 5 pounds penalty which he incurred in winning the mile heats at Washington on Thursday last. The race must necessarily be a very uncertain one with the large number of acceptances, and will afford great scope for the speculators to indulge their fancy. The third race will be a free handicap for all ages, one mile and three furlongs, for a purse of $600, of which $100 goes to the second horse. The third day is set down for Wednesday, June 2, and as these important stake races are to be decided, the day will be fraught with interest as indicative of the fate of the great stakes later on. A dash of three-quarters of a mile follows, for a purse of $400 for three year olds; there are allowances to maidens. Then will follow the Fordham Handicap Sweepstakes of $50 each, half forfeit, and $10 if declared, with $500 added, the second to receive $200 out of the stakes. Winners, after publication of weights, of 1 lb. for every 1 pound of $500 added to 1,000 inclusive. One mile and a quarter. There were originally 41 nominations, and only 9 declarations have been made, thus insuring a large field of horses and a grand contest. Monitor has the top weight, with 130 pounds, and his nearest companion, Harold, is next, with 118 pounds. Mr. Lorillard has said "contest," for they have not been declared out. There are a lot of fast ones engaged, and Susquehanna, if she is right, must be very dangerous, with only 108 pounds up. The third race will be the Withers Stakes for 3-year olds; $200 entrance, half forfeit; $25 if declared Aug. 1, 1879, or $50 if declared May 15, 1880, with $1,000 added; the second to receive $200 out of the stakes; one mile. This has certainly a big nomination, but six of them have taken advantage of the declaration clause, leaving 18 colts and fillies that have the right to start. At present it looks as though the stake was at the mercy of Sensation or Grenada; but nothing is so uncertain that we can tell what may happen. The Kentucky Derby was considered as the mercy of Kimball, and thousands of people were disappointed at his defeat. Pierre Lorillard had eight entries in the race, but has declared out with Never leaving in Force, by Imp Saxon, out of Imp. Blue Stocking. This colt then, must be the best of the Rahocons lot, but his performance does not warrant any support against the Westbrook pair. Of the entries by Mr. Belmont Remadin is the best of the Leamington lot; Bella, Beats and Carita, Babcock & Co. have Pernollin, for whom they paid $4,300 at the Astor sale, although he did not win a race last year. The party think well of him, however, and have got him in excellent condition to meet the crowd. It would not be an agreeable disappointment to the public, which has expected to see a mere walk-over for the Westbrook stable. The fourth race on the programme is the Juvenile Stake for 2-year olds; $100 each, half forfeit, with $500 added; the second to receive the stake. Mile and a half. There are 25 youngsters engaged in this, representing such stallions as Tom Bowling, Longfellow, Glenelg, Vigil, Leamington, Waverly, Battle Axe, Saxon, Bonnie Scotland, King Ernest, Magnolia, and a lot of others. It is said that George Lorillard has another wonder to bring out in Blaise, the son of Leamington and Lady Motley, but the first race of the season decides nothing. The fifth race of the day will be a purse of $500, for all ages. One mile and a furlong, the winner to be sold at auction for $1,000. There are the usual allowances, and any surplus on the sale of the winner to be divided between the owner of the second horse and the racing fund.

The third day of the meeting is announced to be Saturday, June 5, when five races will be decided, and will be even more important in its relations to the rest of the season's work than the preceding day. To commence with, there is a dash of a mile and a furlong for a purse of $500. Horses not having won a race of the value of $1,000 after 2-years old are allowed 3 pounds; of two races, 5 pounds; of three first races, 10 pounds. There are allowances to maidens according to age. This will introduce the Ladies' Stakes for 3-year old fillies, $100 entrance, half forfeit, with $2000 added, the second to receive $300 out of the stakes; one mile and a half. There are 18 nominations, and 10 fillies are engaged in it this year. This will be a good race, but the chances are in favor of Diana winning it. She is a daughter of Glenelg and Annie Bush, the dam of Bushwacker, and belongs to Mr. Astor, but the party who have the active management of the yard, hold her racing qualities to Pierre Lorillard. Mr. Belmont's pair, Carita and Beats, are dangerous, and Queen's Own improved so much last Fall that the Westbrook stable think well of her chances. Eva, Sunshine, Fair Play, Circlet, Sister to Cuba, and Sue is a good animal, while Mr. Withers has a pair of King Ernest fillies. Gov. Bowie's Chadesville ran well at Washington, and will bear watching. The third race of the day will be the Westchester Cup, $50 each, play or pay, with $1,000 added, the second to receive $250 out of the stakes. The entries for this are Harold, Monitor, Ferida, Franklin, Pequot, Spartan, Uncas, Bonnie Oaks, Dardanel, Starlite, Alarcala, and Irondale. Now that Franklin has Franklin sent out of the race, it looks as though one of the Westbrook pair would win. Great faith is placed in Pequot, but the running at Baltimore will show how much his chances are worth. The fourth race will be a purse of $500, for all ages, the winner to be sold at auction; one mile and a half. There are the usual allowances, and beaten horses are not liable to be claimed. The sport will close with a steeple-chase, over the full course, for a purse of $400, added to a sweepstakes of $50 each, $10 forfeit. The winner to be put at auction for $1,000, or, if entered to be sold for $700, allowed 7 pounds; or for $500, 15 pounds. Four-year olds are to carry 140 pounds; 5-year olds 155 pounds, and 6-years and upward 165 pounds.

The fourth day will be Tuesday, June 8, and will be distinguished as the American Derby day. Commencing with a dash of a mile and three furlongs, for a purse of $600, in which there are maiden allowances, the annual struggle for the Belmont Stakes will be witnessed. It is $100 entrance, half forfeit, and $1,250 added; the second to receive $300 out of the stakes; one mile and a half. There are 38 nominations, but the race looks so much at the mercy of Grenada and Sensation that it has been robbed of its usual interest. If these colts are beaten it will create much of a sensation, for the book-makers won't offer anything against them and the public won't back anything else. The third race will be mile heats for all ages; purse, $600, with special conditions. Winners this year of $1,000 to carry 3 pounds extra, and of $3,000, 7 pounds extra, while there are other allowances for beaten horses and maidens. The fourth will be a selling race of a mile and a furlong, for a purse of $400. The the fifth day, Thursday, June 10, will see the last three races to be decided, the first of which is a half-mile sprint for 3-year olds, purse $400. Then will follow a dash of a mile and a half, for a purse of $700, with the conditions that horses that have never won a weight-for-age race of the value of $600 or a handicap of the value of $1,600 will be allowed 5 pounds if 3 years old, or 10 pounds if 4 years or upward. The third, and important event of the day will be the Jockey Club Handicap Sweepstakes of $100 each, half forfeit, and $50 declaration, with $2,000 added; two miles. Of the 24 nominations, 18 have been declared out, leaving five entries, and a very large field is promised, and some good horses are in with light weights. Monitor carries 116 pounds, his top weight, and the stable companions of the Westbrook pair have 115 pounds each, while Franklin has 114 pounds each. The latter, if he comes to the front again, will be hard to beat at this weight, for he is a great stayer, as his dead run, and the further the distance the more difficult it is to beat him. The fourth race will be the Monmouth Cup, value $100, a handicap sweepstakes of $25 each, play or pay, with $500 added, the second to save his stake. Mile and a half. The last race of the day is a dash of three-quarters of a mile. The last race will be a dash of a mile for a purse of $600, with penalties and allowances.

The sixth and last day of the meeting will be June 12, and five races are on the programme. A spin of three-quarters of a mile will initiate the proceedings, and will be followed by a free handicap sweepstakes of $50 each if not declared out, with $500 added; the second to receive $100 out of the stakes; one mile and a quarter. The next event will be the second renewal of the Lorillard Stakes for 3-year olds, $500 each, half forfeit and only $25 if declared by Aug. 1, 1879, or $50 if declared the day before the Spring meeting, which will be next Saturday. Twenty-five hundred dollars is added by Pierre Lorillard, and the Jockey Club gives $1,000 to the second horse. The winner of the Belmont Stakes is to carry 5 pounds extra, and the distance of the race is one mile and three furlongs. This rich stake originally closed with 27 nominations. There have been 24 declarations thus far, and there will doubtless be several more this week. Sensation and Grenada are engaged, both of whom probably start, with Joe Daniels, Bonnie Boots, Carita, Odin, and one or two others. The fourth race will be a free handicap sweepstakes of $50 each, if not declared out, with $500 added, of which $200 to the second horse; two miles; and the last scene of all will be a handicap steeple-chase over the full course, for a purse of $700, of which $100 goes to the second horse. It will be seen that the programme for the meeting is both rich and varied and with the great number of horses that will be at the park, the racing promises to be of a high order.

THE CAVALRY AT FIVE FORKS.

CHARGING THE ENEMY'S BREASTWORKS WITH NO INFANTRY SUPPORT—TWO CHARGES BLOODILY REPULSED.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

The survivors of Sheridan's "Cavalry Army," regard with amazement the attempt now being made before the Warren Court of Inquiry to reconstruct the history of the battle of Five Forks, and appropriate to the Fifth Corps the glories of that sanguinary conflict. The Fifth Corps officers testify that their infantry bore the important part of the struggle, hardly regarding the work of the cavalry as more than a "reconnoissance." That is what so able an officer as Gen. Chamberlain thought of the heavy and continuous firing for five or six hours, while his troops lay about the J. Boisseau house. To these gentlemen I leave the discussion about the length of time necessary to move their troops to a position on the right of the cavalry. That is far exceeded Gen. Sheridan's calculations, and that his plans were thereby disarranged and many good lives destroyed in the cavalry corps, ought to be sufficient justification for his terrible display of temper to the Infantry Generals. But the fact I wish to get before the public is that the cavalry bore the burden of that battle. I will be as brief as possible, and will state only facts that can be corroborated by hundreds of living witnesses.

On the morning of April 1, 1865, the cavalry advanced at daylight to renew the undecided struggle of the previous day. The First and Third Brigades of Custer's Third Cavalry Division were dismounted and their horses taken to the rear. These brigades deployed in front of the rebel line, and when within skirmishing distance thereof, the order was given to right face and march by file to the right. This movement was continued until our right arrived directly in front of the rebel works at Five Forks. The skirmish line of the rebels conformed to our movement—passing to their left until behind the works. Desultory firing had been kept up between the two lines, during the march by the flank, and the Confederates had displayed some artillery, as our side had also; but no general fighting had occurred up to this time. The morning was well advanced when Gen. Custer sent for Capehart's (Third) Brigade to rejoin him, mounted, on the left, where, with his Second Brigade, he connected with the Second Cavalry Division, their line swinging around at a sharp angle from the position of the First Brigade, and enveloping the enemy's right flank. The First Brigade (Pennington's) now occupied a stretch of young timber, with an open field intervening between it and the rebel breastworks. Through the clearing to the left the mounted brigade were visible; but the woods to our right were impenetrable to cavalry. Not one foot was see Fitzhugh's brigade of the First Cavalry Division, which connected with Pennington's right, and—we understood—joined the left of the Fifth Corps, which, we were told, was closing in on the enemy's left flank. Our line was thus to form three sides of a square surrounding the enemy. To all who visited that part of the line it was apparent that the First Brigade, Third Cavalry Division, confronted the key of the rebel position, and that, if our line could hold, the rebel works at the Confederates had been able to construct, Gen. Sheridan never could have intended the dismounted cavalry to make the assault without support on their right.

Forehand by one with the bugles sounded the charge, and the mounted brigades on the left dashed forward, was Major Joseph O'Keefe, of the Second New-York Cavalry, late of Sheridan's staff, and his intimate companion. Tall, or than any other, he strode forward at the head of his regiment, carrying the regimental flag, and brandishing the flower of the Rebel Army and fought their last battle. Forward! brave O'Keefe! they had made a mistake! And what Bloodhounds would have been spared had the fates of battle permitted the full co-operation of our cavalry and infantry at the first charge, instead of the fatal!

That Gen. Sheridan was dissatisfied because this his intention, was not carried out, was well understood by the soldiers who made the first and second disastrous charges upon Five Forks. We know that Gen. Sheridan never intended to sacrifice his cavalry, as they were sacrificed, in those earlier charges, on a mere reconnoissance. He knew everything about the enemy's strength and position before he ordered us to be placed in front of those works, and we were then plainly given to understand that we were to be but a link in the chain of attack forming around the doomed soldiers of Pickett and Johnson. Gen. Custer rode over the ground covered by his First Brigade in company with Gen. E. W. Whittaker the following day. To this officer he expressed his profound astonishment at the terrible conflict these troops had undergone, and that he exceeded his purposes in sending them to that point.

Of the part thus taken by the cavalry, Gen. E. W. Whittaker, of Washington, D. C.; Col. M. B. Hickman, of Bradford, Penn.; Gen. Pennington, formerly of the Regular Army; Capt. J. C. Pennington and Lieut. Col. Ewing, now of the Regular Army, and many former officers, whose addresses I do not know, can easily be found to testify. Gen. Fitzhugh claimed the glory of these assaults for his own brigade, in his official report, but his second corporal's guard of all the dismounted cavalry that day, and he will not withhold from our brigade a part of the honors he so manfully asserted for his own.

I have faithfully endeavored to describe the operations as seen from the rear of the line.

A REGIMENTAL OFFICER.

BROOKLYN, N. J., SHERIDAN, May 20, 1880.

A PARADOX IN POLITICS

REPUBLICAN JUDGES IN A DEMOCRATIC COUNTY.

THE POLITICAL HISTORY OF PIKE COUNTY, PENN.—THE

NEW PUBLICATIONS

TRADITIONS OF MARBLEHEAD.

THE HISTORY AND TRADITIONS OF MARBLEHEAD. By SAMUEL ROADS, JR. Boston: Houghton, Osgood & Co. Crown, 8vo, pp. 441.

The older towns of New-England, if the local traditions of the people are properly woven into the history of their civil life, furnish fascinating materials for brilliant and picturesque narrative, and among them some is so rich in legendary lore, in quaint customs, in local peculiarities, in familiar life, in provincial speech, even to this day, as the quaint old fishing town of Marblehead. Its people and its traditions have often been studied and commented on, but before Mr. Roads took the work in hand nothing properly authentic and no complete history of the town had been written. He has done for the traditional history of his native town what Gilbert White did for the natural history of Selborne. The quaint people live anew in his narrative; traditions are traced to their source and made to enliven the sober statements of history; the reader is able to see for himself how the Marbleheaders became a peculiar and characteristic people from the beginning. But if Mr. Roads had more thoroughly caught Gilbert White's method in describing the customs and manners of the people, the strong points which mark off the inhabitants of Marblehead from the rest of mankind, if more stories had been introduced which smack of the rocks and soil; if the marks of colonial days had been traced with a bolder hand; if racy incidents, which must have come to him from every quarter, concerning the peculiar sayings and doings of the people, had been less sparingly used, Mr. Roads might have made his book much more interesting and valuable as a picture of social manners a century ago. We venture to suggest that if he could be induced to publish separately what he must have in hand about the social characteristics of the people, picturing their ancient usages and modern customs with Hawthorne's touch of imaginative reality, he might make the most interesting volume ever written about American life. The chief fault to be found with this book is its reticence where the author had, perhaps, most to say. But while we criticise the work because it does not more fully represent the rich humor of the people, it by no means overlooks the strange traditions which have been handed down as a legitimate part of the local history. The reader who is not familiar with Marblehead will be more than satisfied with the feast spread out before him; but those who know the resources of fact and legend at Mr. Roads's command, will feel certain that his work would have been even more readable if he had been more lavish in the use of local coloring. A people who call every person outside the town a foreigner; who are said, even in recent days, to have treated strangers with showers of pebble-stones, who have their auctions announced by the town-crier, who carry the town meetings to lengths unknown elsewhere, who have lived so much by themselves that their very speech is provincial, who still have the spirit of our colonial period in their home life and personal characteristics, present materials of the rarest sort for the painter of social life. Mr. Roads has probably been restrained in allowing himself full liberty in these descriptions by the fact that he is a Marbleheader himself, but we are sure that a faithful portrait of the manners of this quaint and original people, if done in a kindly spirit, would be received with favor, even by the natives of the town, and it is due to the American history that the peculiar features of Marblehead life should be faithfully described.

The volume in hand is a sore temptation to the reviewer. His materials are rich and fresh beyond those of any town history in the country, from the time that the land was bought of the Indians, in 1684, to the story of the part played by the Marblehead regiment in the late civil war. These people never did anything by the halves. Gen. Glover's regiment was the one on which Washington could most depend in the Revolution, and by whose aid he crossed the Delaware. The only time Washington was known to express joy during the whole Revolutionary struggle was when James Mugford, of Marblehead, captured the English powder-ship outside of Boston Harbor, which supplied the American army. The wives of sailors of the town were the distinguished natives of the town where Elbridge Gerry, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, Joseph Story, the famous Massachusetts Judge, and Commodore Tucker, who fought the battles of the Revolution on the high seas. The patriotic share of Marblehead in the American Revolution, in the war of 1812, and in the civil war is faithfully described. Not less faithfully does Mr. Roads trace the growth of the town as, until lately Gloucester has taken it away, the centre in New-England of the extensive cod-fisheries carried on from Massachusetts Bay to the Banks of Newfoundland. The book has its thrilling romance in the story of Agnes Surriage, a Marblehead girl of great personal beauty, the daughter of a poor fisherman, who was married to Sir Harry Frankland, an English nobleman, and became Lady Agnes in England. The first half of the volume, in which the ancient usages and customs are faithfully traced, is a mine of information both to the antiquary and to the general reader, but nothing which concerns the old town is without some characteristic feature. The writer was too much a reporter of what others told him, and did not hear the other side. It may be feared that his lack of judgment in this case may affect his statements in other points; and yet his book is valuable and important as a description of existing life in the minds and hearts of the working people, and the first essay is certainly written with freshness and insight. It is not too much to say that it is one of the most notable magazine articles which has recently appeared anywhere. It is a kind of study which is to be encouraged. What the country needs is the statement by careful students of its social, political, and religious needs. The tendency is toward the reconstruction of American life, and it is chiefly through such essays as these that we are able to study the American situation from a subjective point of view. It is not possible to accept as dangerous all the tendencies of American life to which this writer refers. They are rather incidental features in the development of society under new conditions than positive dangers. He greatly distrusts what he calls evangelical Protestantism, but we do not like to believe that the spiritual rottenness of the popular Protestant bodies is quite what he represents, or that the loose forms of Spiritualism are obtaining any vital hold upon society. His tendency is to draw sweeping inductions from a too limited study of facts. But, for all these drawbacks, and even more, into which we do not enter, this book from beginning to end is bright, readable, and suggestive. Its tone is not always distrustful or negative. The writer has applied the same method to the study of the less obvious features of our social and religious life which De Tocqueville applied to our political system in his famous work on "Democracy in America," and, if he is not always as wise as the Frenchman, he sees so much, and sees it so veritably with his own eyes, that his book is sure of a wide reading at the hands of all who are interested in the social and political development of the country.

PRACTICAL KERAMICS.

PRACTICAL KERAMICS FOR STUDENTS. C. A. JANVIER. New-York: HENRY HOLT & Co. 12mo.

This book is exactly what it sets out to be—a practical work intended for workers. There are no illustrations, which is not at all out of the way, because, though the author does not state it, later books on keramics have been more vehicles for pictures than for anything else. Not, of course, that the representations of fine pieces by wood-cuts or etchings by such artists as Jacquemart or others are not necessary, but because the real gist of keramics, the positive details necessary for the worker, were often wanting. What Mr. Janvier has tried to do, and quite successfully, is to make classifications and to remove a great deal of confusion which has existed heretofore. Commencing with a very precise nomenclature, the historical data follow, and in a table are found all the dates which archæological study has given to keramics. Pottery materials have a fair share of matter, which includes all the metals used as colors in decorative work. A table of pastes, showing the quantitative analyses of all the earthenwares and porcelains, will be found of great use. Without going too far into the æsthetic portion of china decoration, the volumes give a series of short rules, which will be found of signal service for those unfamiliar with the art of ornamentation. We can speak with praise of this book, as within a small compass it really contains a very large amount of information and imparts what it has to say in a clear and distinct manner. Mr. Janvier has read largely on the topic he treats, and knows how to separate the grain from the chaff.

LITERARY NOTES.

—Mrs. A. D. T. Whitney is said to have written her last book in a hay-loft.

—The sale of Canon Farrar's "Life of Christ" has reached over 200,000 copies.

—The life of M. Guizot, like that of M. Thiers, was a perpetual come-and-go between politics and literature.

—Mr. W. A. Clouston, of Glasgow, contemplates the publication of a "Collection of Ancient Arabian Poetry."

—A third edition of the German translation of Mackenzie Wallace's "Russia" has just been brought out at Leipsic.

—The fourth volume of the Old Testament Commentary, published by the Christian Knowledge Society, is just ready.

—John Ruskin will contribute an article on "The Formation of an Art Museum" to the June number of the *Art Journal*.

—The life of M. Guizot, like that of M. Thiers, says Edmond About, was a perpetual come and go between politics and literature.

—Mr. J. J. Lalor is at work on a translation of Dr. Ludwig Nohl's condensed biographies of the great composers, prepared for the "Universal Bibliothek."

—The first volume of Prof. Masson's "Life of Milton" was out of print when the last volume appeared. He is now engaged upon a new edition of his first volume.

—Sir Henry Thompson's articles on food and feeding in the *Nineteenth Century* are to be reprinted, with additions, in the Messrs. Warne's series of "Handy Manuals."

—Dr. Tyndall's "Heat as a Mode of Motion" is always passing into new editions. It is already in its thirteenth thousand, which is saying much for a philosophical work.

—The theological articles in the new "Encyclopædia Britannica," which include subjects between "Go" and "Hi," are contributed by Prof. Robertson Smith, the reputed Scotch heresiarch.

—It is stated that the Czar will proceed to Moscow in June to unveil the monument to the poet Poushkine. One of the relatives of the poet is about to publish a diary kept by Poushkine during his earlier days.

—Volume 29 of the fifth series of "Littell's Living Age" is presented in bound form. The matter selected is always excellent, and a series of volumes of Littell represent all the best contemporaneous foreign literature of the year.

—The *Antiquary* for May contains an important article by Mr. J. R. Marsh on the authorship of the "Eikon Basilike," giving the autograph prayer of King Charles I., recently discovered, and the prayer in the "Eikon Basilike" in parallel columns.

—A history of the sect of Anabaptists, from their commencement up to the catastrophe which befell them in 1535 in Münster, with a life of John of Leyden, is shortly to be published, the author being Herr Ludwig Keller, custodian of the archives in Münster.

—The first seven volumes of the speeches of M. Thiers have been published by Calmann-Lévy. Edmond About describes them as a "stream of ideas, reasons, arguments, on which the politicians of all countries, statesmen, orators, writers can draw for a hundred years without exhausting it."

—Hodder & Stoughton, London, have just published the Rev. Dr. Stanley Leathes's "Old Testament Prophecy," in which he traces the witness of prophecy as a record of divine foreknowledge, paying special attention to the genuineness of the Book of Daniel and the Prophecy of the Seventy Weeks.

—"Mrs. Beauchamp Brown," the new "No Name" story, is so good and hits Boston society so hard a rap that everybody is guessing the author's name. She is said to be a sprightly little woman, who lives on Beacon Hill, and attends daily service at the Church of the Advent, of which she is a member.

—Archbishop Trench, whose essay on the "Life and Genius of Calderon," has been republished by Macmillan & Co., has no great hopes of interesting the public in him, and in editing a second edition for the few who wish to know about Calderon, has brought the work down to the present knowledge of the subject.

—*Estes & Lauriat*, of Boston, have published in cheap form a translation of Gaboriau's "Monsieur Lecoeq." The striking cover, red and blue, is a fit binding for the startling events which Gaboriau depicts. Not quite as disgustingly realistic as Zola, Gaboriau delights in the horrible. "Monsieur Lecoeq" is an exciting story, and is fairly translated.

—The orthodox people in Dublin who have undertaken to condemn Prof. Dowden for two heretical sentences in his "Lectures on Goethe" are astounded to find that one turns out to be a non-metrical rendering of a passage in one of Keble's hymns, and the other is the paraphrase of a very beautiful religious sentiment in one of Cardinal Newman's poems.

—Baron Gustave Heine has written to the Vienna *Fremdenblatt* to say that the memoirs of his brother, Henry Heine, which it has been pretended cannot be found, and which are reported to have been bought by the Austrian Government, are, and always have been, in his possession, but in accordance with the express wish of his mother, they will not be published.

—The half-dozen books which issued from the Monastery of St. Albans are perhaps the rarest of all the productions of early English typography. One of these, put down in the auction catalogue as a Caxton at the recent Walpoleian sale in London, was discovered by the purchaser, Mr. Quaritch, to be something even rarer than a Caxton, being nothing less than a not quite perfect copy of the celebrated "Chronicle of St. Albans," printed in the Abbey about 1483.

—The Newport Historical Publishing Company propose, if they receive sufficient support, to issue a quarterly magazine devoted to the history of that and adjacent towns. It will be edited by Dr. Henry E. Turner, and will be the medium for the publication of his "carefully-compiled record of the births, marriages, and deaths of Newport, Middletown, and Jamestown, from the town and church records and grave-yard inscriptions," to which those of Portsmouth will be added. Dr. Turner has in press his "Settlers of Aquidneck."

—The Bampton lectures for 1880 have attracted more attention than usual. The lecturer, the Rev. E. Hatch, says the correspondent of the *Athenæum*, took for his subject the early organization of the Christian Churches, a subject which had, necessarily, many points of contact with the Hibbert lectures delivered by M. Renan in London. The points traced by Mr. Hatch with singular clearness and ability, step by step, were, first of all, the collegiate government of the primitive Christian associations gradually yielding to the more monarchical form of episcopacy, and, next, the line of demarkation drawn between the clergy and the laity.

—The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge is doing more than ever to provide pure and brilliant literature for the masses. Its latest venture is a series of popular handbooks on the "Natural History of the British Isles." The volumes already published in this series are "Lakes and Rivers," by Mr. C. O. Groom Napier; "Lane and Field," by the Rev. J. G. Wood; "Mountain and Moor," by J. E. Taylor, Esq.; "The Sea-shore," by Prof. P. Martin Duncan; "The Woodlands," by Mr. M. C. Cooke, and "Underground," by Mr. J. E. Taylor. The forthcoming volumes are: "In Search of Minerals," by Prof. Austed, and "Ponds and Ditches," by Mr. M. C. Cooke. These books are unique in design, and valuable as studies of natural history. Another series undertaken by the same society is that of "Manuals of Elementary Science," and still another is "Manuals of Health." Whether the subjects are religious, historical, or secular, they are always treated by competent writers.

—Some of the prices for pictures of leading English and French artists are as follows—sales made in London and Paris at the beginning of this month: Sir Frederick Leighton's "Golden Hours," £1,155; Millais's "Flowing to the River," £1,165; "Le Soir," by Corot, 19,800 francs; "L'Ecang," 9,200 francs; "La Clematis Orange," 4,000 francs; "Le Christ au Tombeau," Delacroix, 34,000 francs; Meissonier's "Les Cavaliers," 6,600 francs; "L'Etat Major," 26,000 francs (Millais's "Rose et Son Troupeau," 16,700 francs; Theodore Rousseau's "Le Givre," 14,000 francs; Troyon, "Le Retour à la Ferme" 28,100 francs.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WHY RESERVATIONS ARE COVETED.

THE HON. L. BRADFORD PRINCE GIVES HIS EXPERIENCE AND MAKES SUGGESTIONS.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Two questions seem to rise into practical prominence in connection with the Indian question at this time, first. How can we secure the appointment of Indian Agents at once honest and possessed of a reasonable degree of common sense? Second. How can we secure to the Indians the quiet possession of their lands against the greed and lawlessness of the ordinary border population?

As to the first, I have no suggestion to make, though it is of great importance and apparently should not be difficult of solution. It seems now as if, in endeavoring to avoid the dishonesty of the past, we have encountered the almost equal danger of having agents who are prejudiced, fanatical, men of one idea, devoid of tact, adaptability, and good judgment. We have illustrations of both evils at this time in this one Territory. Our southern counties are suffering from a cruel and destructive war doug protracted owing to the utter inadequacy of the number of troops which our little skeleton Army can afford) against hostile Indians, whose hostility was directly caused by the wickedness of one agent, who, for his own purposes, insisted on their being removed from the reservation, where they were contendedly living, to another, where they would not, could not, and never can live in peace. And on our western border we are now in danger of the outbreak of a powerful tribe, for many years devoted to peace, industry, and the acquirement of wealth, the owners of enormous numbers of horses, cattle, goats, and sheep, and with no desire but to be let alone, simply because they are being goaded into desperation by the foolish—criminally foolish—conduct of their Agent, who seems devoid of the least semblance of judgment.

As to the second question, I have a suggestion to make, or rather some facts to mention which seem to have a bearing upon it. Indian history in the various sections of the West appears to be almost uniformly based on the one idea that "the Indian has no rights to land which the white man is bound to respect." To accommodate the advancing pioneer, the reservation system was established, the territory of whole States was bought from its aboriginal owners, and the tribes were placed upon defined tracts, the peaceable possession of which, by the most solemn obligations, the Government guaranteed to them forever. But the borderers have shown no respect for those treaties. Recent history in the Black Hills, in Colorado, and the Indian Territory, is uniform as to this. If the reservation was fertile the greed of the frontiersman has made him cast covetous eyes upon it, and by invasion or a forced treaty, cause its owners to be sent to some new tract, supposed to be worthless; and if even in the mountain or the desert to which the tribes were finally consigned it afterward appeared that there was gold, the cupidity of the adventurer again forced even it from them. And the nation, in its disgrace, has never yet shown power enough to enforce its own treaties, to keep its own promises to restrain its own reckless and dishonest population; but each time has had to humiliate itself, and going to the tribe, with shame confess that it is powerless to protect them in the rights secured by laws, and ask them to remove again, as the only means of preventing attack and bloodshed. Now this strange phenomenon must have some cause; this utter ignoring of reservation rights by people who at least in their earlier lives have had some ideas of meum et tuum, and of the meaning of ownership and property, must be susceptible of some explanation. These people are not all absolutely wicked. Take those of Western Colorado, for instance, or the proposed invaders of the Indian Territory—the idea of proposing to do what of course is as dishonest as highway robbery, and much more mean, yet it is evident that for some reason their ideas on the subject are not clear, and they do not realize the wrong, the danger, the spread nature of the evil, and the importance of its consequences. It is worth while seriously to inquire what is the weak point in the rights of the Indian to his reservation which causes them to be so lightly regarded by those who are not, as a rule, oblivious of all other rights.

In considering this subject we observe three and only three peculiarities in these reservations, distinguishing them from the ordinary holdings of settlers, which might account for the different view evidently taken of them on the border. First. They are very large. This might appear to be a reason if other facts did not disprove it. For we can see that a pioneer who could go around a small farm, might consider that a great estate many miles long constituted such a barrier to his progress that from necessity he was forced to disregard its ownership. But such we find is not the case with other large tracts. A ranchman may own from 50,000 to 100,000 acres of land; yet not one of the most reckless thinks that a sufficient reason for the invasion of his property, or for invoking the aid of the Government to remove its owner to some more remote locality where he would be less in the way. Even in the Spanish grants case of the great land grants which have come down from Spanish and Mexican times there is no trouble. Some of these are of enormous extent. For instance, the Maxwell grant, partly in Colorado and partly in New-Mexico, embraces 1,800,000 acres; the Mora, 800,000, and a large number from 300,000 to 150,000 acres.

They have often been far greater hindrances to immigration, and have stood more directly in its path than most Indian reservations; they contain untold acres of fertile lands and mines of incalculable wealth, yet no one seeks to possess himself of them by force or through the Government, or raises a howl that "the grantees must go." So it is evident that it is not the element of size that causes the reservations to differ from other possessions in the popular opinion.

Second—They are held by Indians. This, of course, is a broad distinction, and there are undoubtedly some men on the border who regard Indians as little better than animals, with none of the common rights of manhood, and who see a great difference between stealing from, or even murdering, an Indian and having an Indian steal from or murder them. But yet the facts I am soon to mention under the third head, I think show that the important point is not so much who holds as how he holds and what will become of the land if he is driven off. The Indian is the borderer's brother, though sometimes rough, is not intentionally mean, and if his own chance of gain did not intervene, I think would be rather disposed to befriend the members of a poorer and less favored race than to oppress them. This brings us to the last point to be considered.

Third—They are reservations and not patents. That is to say, they are tracts set apart for the use of the tribes, and to which the tribes are confined; but they are not absolutely patented or deeded to them as lands are to ordinary persons or corporations. This, in my judgment, taken in connection with the frequent changes of reservations, lies at the root of the whole matter. The borderer would not care to have the Indian driven off if it were not that he wants to go on. His idea is simply selfish and mercenary. He sees a good cultivated field, or a fine mine, and he wants it himself. If he saw it in the hands of A or B he might want it all the same, but he would never think of killing the owner or having him driven off, because the title would still be in the heirs or assigns, and he would be in no way the gainer. But where it is simply a reservation, he concludes that it still belongs to the Government, which has only lent it to the Indians, and if he have the latter moved off by force or tricks or incite a few of their reckless youth to acts of violence, so that war will ensue and the whole tribe be held responsible and declared to have "forfeited its rights" then, being Government land, he can enter in and possess and play Ahab in the vineyard of Naboth to his heart's content. If the Indians had such an absolute title by grant or patent or deed, that in no way could the land again become public land, so that no amount of killing or driving away would give the killers and drivers possession thereof, the inducement to kill off the owners and practise the Ahab and Jezebel tricks, would cease, because no personal gain could result to the perpetrators. Covetousness, pure and simple—the desire to own the property of another—is the underlying motive. Take away that motive and you take away its results.

And this brings me to the illustration, which I desired to present, of the different effect produced where Indians do have an absolute ownership of their land. We have in New-Mexico a little less than 20 villages of Pueblo Indians. Each village, from the fortunate circumstances of having been under a Government with an Indian policy different from ours, owns absolutely by grant from the Spanish Crown a considerable body of land, usually a league in each direction from the village church. This view has been confirmed at Washington in the same manner as other Spanish and Mexican grants, and so the title is the very best in the land.

Of the excellent character of this people, if this was the place to speak, I could say much. Law-abiding, industrious, peaceable, and hospitable, their children are examples to all around, and to-day are pictures of agricultural thrift and beauty, while it is scarcely within the memory of man that serious crime or dishonest practices have been brought home to any of them. A week ago to-day, in passing through one of their villages, I counted over 100 persons engaged in sweeping and cleaning the streets, every one of which, from the central plaza to the narrowest alley, was made as clean as a floor—a scene scarcely to be paralleled in any American Western town. It was a levy "en masse" by their village authorities, and is repeated every week in the summer. But the one point to which I wish now to confine myself is the tenure by which they hold their lands and its results. They have the most beautiful fields in the Territory. Being based before the whites, they naturally selected the choicest spots. There is much more to excite covetousness than with most other Indians. And doubtless many a man looking at their possessions has wished that he owned them, as we all may when gazing in at the windows of Gould or Tiffany.

But it does not occur to any one to kill them or to try to drive them off or appeal to Washington to have them removed, because they hold such a title that he could not be benefited by any such attempt to press, because they would apply to the courts, and a swift injunction would stop the depredator, and the usual process of the court in time remove him. And so all goes on peacefully, and the Indian sows his seed and reaps the harvest as does his neighbor of lighter complexion.

Something of this is no doubt due to the exceptional goodness of our present population. New-Mexico has been fortunate in having but few of the lawless and reckless class of men who seem to have been so plentiful in several other Territories, come within her limits. With a few exceptions near the borders of Texas and Colorado, and a few others who accompanied the first arrival of the railroad, we have been singularly free from men of violence and lawlessness. But the important point is, that even in the very worst, who seemed to have no respect for law or regard for other Territories, and some, they could not have disturbed, and would have had no inducement to disturb, these Pueblo villages, because, whatever happened, there was such a perfect title to the lands that they would not get them. From all this can we not gather one idea, which may be the central one in a reformed Indian policy? That the reservation system as a tenure of land shall be abandoned, and that either to each family as a corporation, (not a nation,) or to each village, or specified number of Indians, or to each family, shall be granted a certain tract of land by a patent or deed, so absolute that it cannot be searched or the land in any event become public land, (the people of each Pueblo village are a corporation, but the form is not material.) The land having a permanent ownership which he cannot possibly acquire except by legal means, the inducements to violence and trespass or other methods of acquiring dishonest possession which the borderer now feels, will be gone, the Indian will have an inducement to industry and thrift, the fruitful cause of Indian wars will be over, and more than all the nation can progress without the fearful national sin and disgrace that now seems to accompany all its dealings with the old owners of the soil.

L. BRADFORD PRINCE.

SANTA FÉ, FRIDAY, May 7, 1880.

THE CLERGY AND THE PEOPLE.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

By reference to the *Churchman* of this date you will see that the "clerical question" broached in your editorial, "The Clergy in the Saddle," in the issue of May 9, is to be thrown open to discussion through the agency of five Presbyters, four of whom are residents of New-York. Whether this will be sufficient to reach and enlighten the masses of the Christian community and to influence the ruling powers of the Episcopal body to the exercise of more faith and charity in their legislative and sumptuary provisions, remains to be seen. The writer does not imagine that it will.

The distinguished and honorable names of this voluntary committee are a guarantee that everything will be done that can be in their limited and unauthorised sphere to ventilate the subject, but if it has reached a point, as it undoubtedly has, where a fearless and distinct affirmation of the essential and unalterable truths of revelation, as transmitted by the Apostles, and the rights of all believers, whatever their social or pecuniary condition, to the benefit of Gospel privileges, can alone avail, under God, to uncover the real issues, then the discussion, to be of value, must take place on a platform untrammeled by legal entanglements or sectarian prejudice. The press is such a platform, and if THE TIMES, with its honorable record for conservatism and fearless independence in exposing fallacies and fallacies, will open its columns, the subject will reach further and receive more considerate attention than it possibly can within the limits of the Episcopal Church in its present condition.

If it be true, as intimated in various quarters, that, while a large body of the Episcopal clergy are in the saddle, guarding their families and household stuff as they are driven from place to place, another and smaller body are in the saddle as "straddlers," whose timidity, uncertainty, and tendency to "*suppressio veri*" are not calculated to uncover the facts of any case, or to expose all its concomitant sinning, fallacies, and pretensions, generation after generation what the outer courts of Herod's temple, the towns and villages of Palestine, and the Roman roads were to the first proclamation of the gospel, or Paul's cross to the Reformers, with a far better opportunity than any candidate for diocesan distinction of unchangeable facts and principles, upon which all practicable remedies must be based. I may express the hope that THE TIMES will afford such an opportunity.

The devotion proposed to the bar of public opinion, not by seeking its aid—He did not need it—but by presenting His credentials to the fact that they needed Him, and the common people heard Him gladly. If the Christian age has reached, as it personally believes, that condition, yet Christ and His Word which the Jewish age reached with reference to Moses, and his law, a similar appeal has the promise of being equally successful. Opinion is sometimes a tribunal where right in its abstract judgment, however slow the individual may be to conform to that judgment.

I may be allowed, as a disclaimer, to criticise slightly one sentence of THE TIMES's article which marks its subject as a sweeping inference. While it is true "the clerical question means that the Protestant clergy throughout the land have increasing difficulty in obtaining positions of labor where they are adequately paid, and in holding them when they have been obtained," it does not mean that the object of the clergy is merely to get a living. Unfortunately, the people who do the paying think so, and here and there some clergyman justifies the supposition by seeking a lazy and inglorious repose, and spending his lifetime in building up the external shell of religion, and become will continue to ever means the caprice of the day suggests, but the great body of the clergy seek only to fulfill their office as "stewards of the mysteries of God" without respect of persons, believing that those who need most deserve most of their Master's precious gifts, irrespective of their pecuniary condition, and that he serves the people best who serves Christ best. Hence the friction on the part of those who looking only at temporal matters and forgetting to use what God has given them, think they know a good deal more than the Lord of the Gospel should be preached and the ordinances administered.

The chief concern of the Episcopal clergy just now is not to get a living—they have ability enough to secure fortunes in the world were that their object—but to preach the Gospel to the people, and administer to such as believe it the things which the Lord commanded, with their accompanying instructions. To do this if the Bible be true, they must, and they expect to, endure any amount of opposition and hardship. H.

NEW-YORK, Saturday, May 22, 1880.

MANAGEMENT OF THE MERCANTILE LIBRARY.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

With reference to the editorial in THE TIMES yesterday on the Mercantile Library, I would like to say a few words, as I see you show an intelligent interest in the affairs of the association. I can explain some of the benefits which, it is claimed, would arise from an annual election of its 13 Directors. In the first place, when there are annual elections only young men of good character and ability are put in nomination, and, there being two sets of candidates in the field, it gives 24 young men, all eager for success, an incentive to go around among their friends, bringing in new members, and holding on to the old ones, and in this way the library gains hundreds of members and increased revenue from the same. Not only this, but whichever set of candidates win the election, they know that the eyes of the opposition are always upon them, and they dare not prove recreant to their trusts.

I submit some figures from the official reports which will bear me out in the assertion that the library is slowly but surely going to its death. The circulation, which surely tells the business of the library, was as follows:

	Volumes.		Volumes.
1870-1	269,084	1875-6	130,830
1871-2	250,848	1876-7	148,650
1872-3	230,476	1877-8	157,480
1873-4	214,652	1878-9	168,700
1874-5	136,115	1879-80	148,381

In 1870 there were 7,583 active members and 5,708 subscribing members, or 10,968 in all. In 1880 there are 6,338 active members, 5,678 subscribing members, or 7,074 in all. In 1870-71 the income for the year amounted to $48,258 81; in 1879-80 it was $36,858 32. This shows in 10 years, which is just the time the present plan of election has been in existence, a loss in circulation of 128,103 volumes, in membership, 3,854; in income, $15,900. And worse than this, the library has suffered a loss of $5,000 by a bad investment of funds in the hands of the Board of Trustees.

Such are the results of the management allowed and made possible under the present form of government, and which must be changed before any relief can be obtained, and before we can ever expect the Clinton Hall Association to commence the new building that has been promised to many years. Neither the Clinton Hall Trustees nor the members generally have any confidence in the present Directory of the Mercantile Library Association, and just as long as they are allowed to run things the membership and income will continue to diminish, and we shall be obliged to put up with the present unsatisfactory accommodations.

NEW-YORK, Monday, May 17. REFORM.

ETHAN ALLEN AND JOHN SHERMAN.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Having been absent from New-York during the past week, my attention has been called, by letter from home, to a "card" and editorial in your paper of May 18 and 14, in which it is suggested that Col. Ethan Allen, of New-York, supports John Sherman for the Presidency, because Mr. Allen recently secured from Mr. Sherman a decision in his favor as to a claim growing out of importations of fuse for boilers.

Your articles are incorrect; Mr. Allen never received nor did Mr. Sherman ever make any such decision. I believe that you would not intentionally misrepresent in a matter of this kind, and hence give you the facts. In 1869 and 1870 Mr. Boutwell decided that certain importations of boiler-fuse should pay a duty of 3½ cents per pound as tubes, instead of 3½ cents as fuse. I then represented the merchants before the Treasury Department. We were forced into the courts, and Mr. Allen's services were secured as counsel. We were never able to get before a jury until May, 1879, when, after a three days' trial in New-York the jury rendered a verdict in favor of the importers without leaving their seats. District Attorney Woodford at once prepared the case for an appeal. The question of appeal, was on Aug. 26, 1879, referred to the Attorney-General, who, on Feb. 4, 1880, decided that there was no ground whatever for carrying the case to the Supreme Court. Thereupon, Mr. Allen, on the 9th of February, 1880, as we felt duty at every step, addressed a formal letter to the Secretary of the Treasury, requesting him to refund the money in accordance with the decision of the Attorney-General. This letter, in the ordinary course of business, came to Assistant Secretary French for his action. I then took sole charge of the case in the Treasury Department, but as some questions arose bearing upon the proper interpretation to be given to the Revised Statutes in relation to their action upon importations prior to June 22, 1874, I repeatedly passed Mr. Allen to come here to argue the case before the Assistant Secretary, but Allen invariably refused. Finally, in answer to an urgent request that he should come on and attend to the case during my absence, he wrote me on April 7, 1880, a very disagreeable refusal, from which, to convince you of his position in this matter, I make the following extract:

"I do not intend to be in Washington on Monday next, as I see no any object in my seeing the Secretary of the Treasury on the subject. If I were in Washington by accident I would not consent to see him (I don't practise law in this way. I never have and I never will do, of any other or opponent as a favor; these which I claim as a legal right. I don't care a button how the Secretary decides this question, and I would not go across the street to secure his decision. I am ready to try the case again if he says so, and if the courts and their decrees will not finally give to our rights, then we must be content to lose them. I will calmly bear my wrongs, and I will not, as I do, if the Secretary wants to saddle the United States with additional costs and interest in these cases, then he must have his way."

You will see from this letter that I had to fight the case alone. Allen refused to come, and would not even communicate with the Secretary upon the subject. Moreover, Mr. Sherman has never had anything to do in the case; it was entirely in the hands of Assistant Secretary French, who read all the arguments, and made every reference and decision. I was forced to prepare my own briefs for Mr. French, and rested the case on the final argument, copy of which is herewith inclosed for your perusal and return. It was I, therefore, and not Mr. Allen who secured the final and just decision in favor of the importers of April 22, 1880, and it was Mr. Assistant Secretary French and not the Hon. John Sherman who made that decision. As regards the political bearings of the matter, it never could have had the slightest influence for Col. Allen, long before this decision, was publicly and enthusiastically in favor of Mr. Sherman. One more correction. No such sum as you have mentioned has been paid over by the Treasury—not one dollar of the amounts due to the importer has been paid—and it will require an act of Congress to authorize the Secretary to pay back to the importers the money that has been so wrongfully taken from them. The Judge, in his charge, was compelled to admit that it was surprising that any controversy should have arisen between the Government and the importers in regard to it.

WILLIAM H. GRENELLE.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, May 18, 1880.

CADET M'DONALD, OF GEORGIA.

A HOME DEFENSE OF ONE OF THE TWO SUSPECTED BY WHITTAKER.

From the Columbus (Ga.) Enquirer, May 18.

Three years ago a young Southern white Cadet, who was just then 18, younger and smaller than Whittaker, struck the colored Cadet—struck him, in a race, at an insult offered him by the colored Cadet. This white boy was reported by the colored boy, was tried by a court-martial, and dismissed. On his mother's account he wished to graduate. He went to Washington. There, among others, he sought out his cousin, Col. Robert A. Alston, who was killed a year ago in the Capitol building at Atlanta, and whose tragic death sent a shock through the entire country. Col. Alston introduced his little cousin to Senators and Army officers. The boy's own statement here is the truth upon them that he was told to go to Gen. Schofield and "tell him your story, and he will recommend your return to the Academy." He followed as he was told. His simple recital was sufficient. Gen. Schofield saw the manhood in the boy's breast, and recommended his suspension until the ensuing term. That boy returned, but was put back a year. He is now at West Point, a Cadet. For nearly three years he has been thrown with Whittaker daily. Not one word had he against the colored Cadet.

After the failure of the mask and lowly policy of Whittaker, because of the finding of his letters and the anonymous one to be in the same hand, the conspiracy was hatched. Not satisfied with causing the expulsion of the young white Cadet, the colored one, after three years, now goes on the stand and swears he suspicions this same white Cadet of, when the Cadet, who had been thrown with him, missed, returned and for three years was with him. He knew that if he had laid hands on the negro at night he would have not only been dismissed, but have disgraced himself and family, and prison walls would have closed around him. This effective attempt on the part of Whittaker to injure the reputation of this young white Cadet may, for the time, divert attention from his own letters. It will, in the long run, rebound on him.

Of course, this young white Southern Cadet may expect abuse from papers at the North, who have slandered such men as Gen. Schofield and many other Army officers. He can stand being in the same boat with them. He is a young man, who, when a boy, was always counted the defender of the weak. This reminds us of a young man, who lived here now in Columbus, Ga. His name is Capt. J. J. Slade, and no braver gentleman lives. He says that John Bacon McDonald was as truthful and brave a boy as ever lived. Cadet McDonald is one of the two Southern boys whom Whittaker says now he suspicions. McDonald is the grandson of our ex-Mayor, Dr. John E. Bacon, and nephew of Major R. A. Bacon, Secretary of the Railroad Commission of Georgia. He is the son of Col. Joseph B. McDonald, of Athens, Ala. He was appointed to West Point, in 1875, by the Hon. Tom Bradford, from the Third Alabama District, which is now represented by the Hon. W. J. Samford. He is a brave, truthful young man, who would scorn so cowardly an act as to strike any one when down. He is of good family; and, when he graduates in 1881, will make a good soldier.

WHAT GERMANY DID WITH THE MONEY.

THE FRENCH INDEMNITY PAID ALL SPENT IN PREPARING FOR OTHER WARS.

From the London Telegraph.

Ten years having elapsed since peace was definitively concluded between France and Germany, the Imperial Chancery has submitted to the Federal Council of the German Empire a final report upon the manner in which the French war indemnity has been disposed of. The total sum exacted from France by her conquerors as the price of peace amounted, as will be remembered, to considerably more than £200,000,000, every penny of which had been expended, distributed to the several German States or invested in newly created Imperial institutions by its official administrators, before the conclusion of the financial year 1877-8. It would appear from the report in question that nearly the whole of this vast treasure—above fourfold the national debt of Prussia—has been devoted to purposes directly or indirectly connected with the development of Germany's military defenses. The Imperial share of the indemnity is set down at about £51,500,000, £6,000,000 of which, in coined gold, lie deposited in the Julius Tower, at Spandau, and constitute a fund wherewith the preliminary expenses of Germany's next war may be paid in hard cash. Other £35,000,000 have been employed in founding the imperial military invalid fund, while the remaining £17,000,000 odd were spent in strengthening the defenses of Elsass-Lothringen, and in remedying the damage done to property in those Provinces during the war of 1870-71. The balance of the indemnity, between £160,000,000 and £170,000,000, was divided, in exact proportion to the respective numbers of their several populations, among the German States which had participated in the Franco-German struggle, namely, the former North German Confederation, Bavaria, Würtemberg, Baden, and Hesse. The portion allotted to the North German Confederation was dedicated by act of Parliament, July 8, 1873, to the liquidation of the war loans, the re-armament of the imperial forces, and the augmentation of the latter's numerical strength and fighting capacity. Similar dispositions of their shares in the mighty spoil were made by the minor German states. Prussia spent her surplus in constructing strategical roads and fortifying her eastern frontier. Thus the colossal war indemnity wrung from France in the hour of defeat and humiliation may be said to have been entirely absorbed by warlike preparations, and to have increased, rather than diminished, the burden of military harness hitherto so manfully and patiently borne by the long-suffering German people.

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The Signal Service Bureau report indicates for to-day, in this region, stationary, followed by falling, barometer, warmer southerly winds, partly cloudy weather, with occasional local rain, followed by clearing weather.

Our readers will find in our columns this morning a statement in tabular form of the delegates to the Republican National Convention, with such indications as can be confidently given as to the way in which they will vote. The evidence points with unmistakable clearness to the nomination of Gen. GRANT, which is probable upon the first ballot. While all prediction as to an event which is so near is comparatively idle, we call the attention of our readers to the fact, which can hardly be denied by any one, that of the three most prominent candidates the one who takes the lowest rank is the one who has had, and made free use of, the patronage of the most important department of the National Government. Perhaps Mr. SHERMAN's obvious and brilliant success in this direction may be the origin of the fear that that gentleman's followers profess, that Gen. GRANT, if re-elected, may perpetuate his tenure of office by the employment of patronage.

If the necessity of providing a new vault for the silver dollars in the New-York Sub-Treasury were the only or even the worst difficulty to be apprehended in connection with their constant coinage, we should get on very well. Yet even the physical inconvenience is not inconsiderable. The Sub-Treasurer reports that he already has 500 tons of dollars in his charge, and that he cannot provide for more than about $10,000,000 additional, which would bring the burden up to, say, 780 tons. The Secretary lays the report of the Sub-Treasurer before the House with apparent confidence that that body will take a hint from it. But he will find that neither party in that paralytic body will consent to open any question upon which the voters of the country can possibly have two opinions. They are too mortally afraid of what Mr. GARFIELD naively calls "the entering wedge."

The Southern Democratic policy, described in our Charleston dispatches yesterday morning, is one which unquestionably is gaining favor in that section. It consists, briefly, in sacrificing everything for the control of the State Governments on the one hand, while resolutely refusing to take from the Northern Democrats any Presidential candidate who does not suit the Southern preference. So far as concerns the first part of this policy, it may be said that it bodes little good to the States in which it is adopted. "Control" of the State Government means simply the suppression, by violence if necessary, by trickery if that be possible, of all opposition to that portion of the Democratic Party which happens to hold the offices. It is a policy of the most arbitrary and unscrupulous character, and in the long run is essentially corrupting. As to the other phase of the Southern plan, there is much to be said in its favor. The Southern Democrats have the power to shape the course of their party, and there is no reason why they should not do so, and take the responsibility. They could not lead it in any worse fashion than it has been lately led.

The letter of Judge DAVIS, of Illinois, which is a transparent bid for a Presidential nomination, is a melancholy proof of the effect of ambition on a man of considerable ability and force of character. In form, Judge DAVIS's letter is not above the level of State platforms; it is pompous and intentionally obscure. What he says is much of it quite true as abstract statement. Sectional feeling should cease, the debt should be paid, public expenditures should be reduced, the civil service should be reformed, corporations should be restrained. So, it may be said, should all men be virtuous. The questions which interest the country do not relate to the desirability of these various objects, but to the means of attaining them. On this Judge DAVIS is obstinately and profoundly silent. The only points as to which he is definite is that Gen. GRANT should not be re-elected to the Presidency. Probably if the Judge were called on to confide to an anxious public the safest defense against this awful calamity, he would suggest the nomination of Mr. DAVIS.

Great enthusiasm is said to exist in the Republic of Nicaragua in consequence of the announcement that the Government has concluded an agreement with Mr. MENOCAL for the building of an interoceanic canal. Mr. MENOCAL, it is explained, is only the representative of a company which has been formed in the United States, and of which the leading spirits are President HAYES, ex-President GRANT, and Admiral AMMEN. This has a magnificent sound, but it fails to rouse the envy of the people of Panama, who loudly assert that M. DE LESSEPS is so far ahead of all competitors that his enterprise is already begun, to all intents and purposes. So sanguine are the people of Colon (otherwise Aspinwall) of the speedy completion of the De Lesseps canal that they have taken down their bronze statue of COLUMBUS for the purpose of removing it to the proposed entrance to this "great interoceanic highway of nations," a proceeding which the local press gently criticises as precipitate. Some allowance should be made for tropical fervor.

THE DEMOCRATS AND THE ELECTORAL COUNT.

Mr. MORGAN, of Alabama, brought up his resolution in regard to the Electoral count yesterday, and made a very careful and an able speech in its defense. It is a matter for congratulation that this measure has been committed to the hands of a man capable of dealing with it with dignity, and of presenting the arguments for it in a tone not unworthy the Senate in its better days, and especially that the Senator so chosen should be from the South. There has not been such an over-supply of Democratic statesmanship in Congress from any section that the country should not take decided pleasure in its exhibition from one of a class which has produced, for some time, even less than its proportionate share. But it must be added that the task allotted to Mr. MORGAN was not an easy one, and that, if he adjusted his arguments with skill and caution to the delicate condition of the situation, he was compelled to avoid anything like a complete and candid treatment of the whole case.

That case, in brief, is this: The law now provides no method of obtaining the decision of the tribunals of a State as to any dispute regarding its Electoral vote, nor does it provide any clear interpretation of the duty of the President of the Senate in regard to papers purporting to be lists of Electoral votes. Mr. MORGAN'S joint rule treats the latter phase of the case in a manner to which we shall allude presently; it does not touch the former. Yet it is in the fact that there is no adequate, workable, conclusive method of getting at the decision of a State, as represented by its tribunals, which has made trouble in the past, and which is likely to make trouble in the future. A bill was passed by the Senate, at a previous stage of the present Congress, which supplied this omission. It provided that the time for sending the Electoral vote to Washington should be so arranged that ample opportunity would be given to any State to determine any controversy that might arise; it directed that each State should either refer such controversies to a special tribunal or to a regular court; and it imposed on Congress the duty of accepting the decision of such tribunals, unless there were more than one. This was a practical, logical, and reasonably effective provision. But the House, which was Democratic, would have none of it. It would not trust the States. It insisted on leaving the question open, to be decided by a partisan majority, when it should exist in favor of the Democrats, in both houses. This fact is the key to the present situation. Everything aside from this is empty talk. In the case of Mr. MORGAN it is very smooth talk, dignified, plausible, ingenious, but absolutely empty all the same. The Democratic majority in Congress has refused, and still refuses, to give any weight whatever to any decision which any State may make as to its own Electoral vote, and insists on keeping within the control of a mere partisan vote the question of who shall be President of the United States.

While Mr. MORGAN'S resolution is thus fatally defective in regard to one of the essential elements in the question of the Electoral vote, it is precise and full enough in regard to the other—the course of the President of the Senate. It undertakes to say that that officer shall lay before the two houses, when assembled on the occasion of the Electoral count, all lists, or papers purporting to be lists, of Electoral votes cast in the respective States, and it then provides that the two houses shall proceed to do what they choose with these votes. This provision is the essential one in the resolution, the only point for which it has been brought forward, and it is because the Democrats think that they can accomplish their end in this regard by means of a joint rule that they have refused all legislative action on the subject and reserved it for the present disposition.

Mr. CONKLING, on Saturday, devoted considerable time to a criticism of the Democrats for not embodying the provisions of their resolution in a statute. The criticism is just enough, as far as it goes, but it proceeded on a mistaken conception of the real purpose of the resolution. The Democrats would probably not object to putting everything in their resolution into a statute, except the mandatory portion undertaking to define the duties of the President of the Senate. That portion they will never consent to submit to the President. They will insist on disposing of it in such form as gives their majority complete control of it. And in this they are perfectly logical. It is of no consequence to them whether both houses have to concur to reject a vote or to accept a vote; what they need is to get the votes, and everything purporting to be votes, into their own hands, without any interference from State tribunals, or from any other source. So far as the action of the two houses goes, it is probable that the programme will be carried out. How it will work in practice remains to be seen.

THE YORKTOWN MONUMENT BILL.

If the proposed monument at Yorktown is designed merely to add one more to the many memorials already set up on the battle-fields of the Revolution, Congress should think twice before voting $100,000 to build it. But there is a specific historic purpose, whose fulfillment would justify Congress in founding a memento at Yorktown—a purpose cherished nearly a century ago, and never yet carried into execution.

On the 10th of October, 1781, Gen. WASHINGTON addressed to the Continental Congress a letter, informing that body that Lord CORNWALLIS had surrendered his forces at Yorktown. The letter and its inclosures were referred to the Committee of Intelligence (or Committee on Intelligence, as modern Congressional lingo would phrase it,) with instructions to report the most proper mode of communicating the thanks of Congress "to Gen. WASHINGTON, Count DE ROCHAMBEAU, and Count DE GRASSE for their effectual exertions in accomplishing this illustrious work." It was further ordered that the Secretary of Foreign Affairs should communicate the news sent by Gen. WASHINGTON to the Most Honorable the Minister Plenipotentiary of France. The Committee of Intelligence very soon reported ten resolutions. The first gave the thanks of Congress to Gen. WASHINGTON "for the expedition with which he led the allied forces of America and France against the British Army, under the command of the Earl of CORNWALLIS; for his arrangements, vigor, personal attention, and military ability in the course of his operations, and for the prudence and wisdom of the capitulation." The second and third gave like thanks respectively to ROCHAMBEAU and DE GRASSE—to the former for "the cordiality, zeal, judgment, and fortitude with which he seconded and advanced the progress of the allied Army against the British garrison in York," and to the latter "for his display of bravery in attacking and defeating the British fleet off the Bay of Chesapeake, and for his zeal and alacrity in rendering, with the fleet under his command, the most effectual and distinguished aid and support to the operations of the allied Army in Virginia." The fourth, fifth, and sixth resolutions gave thanks to the artillery and engineers, and to the other officers and soldiers, and ordered the Board of War to provide "a horse properly caparisoned and an elegant sword" for Lieut.-Col. TILGHMAN. The seventh read as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the United States, in Congress assembled, will cause to be erected at York, in Virginia, a marble column, adorned with emblems of the alliance between the United States and his most Christian Majesty, and inscribed with a succinct narrative of the surrender of the Earl of CORNWALLIS to his Excellency Gen. WASHINGTON, Commander-in-Chief of the combined forces of America and France; his Excellency the Count DE ROCHAMBEAU, commanding the auxiliary troops of his most Christian Majesty in America, and his Excellency the Count DE GRASSE, commanding in chief the Naval Army of France in the Chesapeake."

The eighth, ninth, and tenth resolutions declare that of the spoils taken "under the capitulation of York," two stands of colors shall be given, in the name of Congress, to WASHINGTON, and two cannons each to ROCHAMBEAU and DE GRASSE, with "a short memorandum engraved thereon that Congress was induced to present them from considerations of the illustrious part which he bore in effectuating a surrender." In fine, these measures of Congress, which were passed Oct. 29, 1781, were directed to making known the gratitude of Congress and the people for the fruits of the exertions of the allied armies of America and France. The monument which was then pledged was not intended to say that Yorktown was the crowning success of the war, for it was not then absolutely known, though it was believed, that the war was virtually over. It was not intended as a shaft commemorative of the struggles of the people in behalf of civil liberty and political independence. It was specifically to be a monument *to la belle alliance*—a marble column, adorned not with a recital of Revolutionary deeds, or a statement of the causes of controversy between the mother country and her colonies, but "with emblems of the alliance between the United States and his Most Christian Majesty" of France.

Here, then, we get the clue to the only Yorktown Monument project of to-day which can properly be forwarded by Congress; and undoubtedly it would be a happy tribute of respect to the patriots of the Revolution to carry to completion the project which they thus formed. Memorials to the struggle for independence, as a whole, and to individual battles, are already plentiful enough; but a worthy monument to that help from France, without which there could have been no capitulation of York, and perhaps no United States exactly as we find them to-day, has for nearly a century been wanting. Shortly after the new Government of the United States was established the French Revolution broke out, with excesses causing a division of popular feeling in this country in regard to France; and for a quarter of a century the attitude of France toward Europe divided opinion in this country. It need hardly be said that no current political significance could now attach to this proposed memorial of a bygone alliance. But the tribute of historic gratitude would be doubly pleasant to offer in our day, when France has herself struggled into political liberty, and when the United States can invite to the commemorative ceremonies of 1881, not a "Most Christian Majesty," but the French Republic.

It may be noted that the obligations under which Congress felt that France had placed the struggling colonies seem, in the light of history, not to have been exaggerated. France contributed all the naval forces and nearly half the military forces at Yorktown. Except for Admiral DE GRASSE's fleet, CLINTON would certainly have landed on the Peninsula a force sufficient to relieve Yorktown, and probably to overwhelm WASHINGTON'S army. The French took a prominent part in the entire operations prior to the surrender, and the defeated army, at its capitulation, marched between the staffs of WASHINGTON and ROCHAMBEAU, drawn up on opposite sides of the road. France is now about to give a new proof of good-will and generosity toward the American Republic which she helped to found, in her colossal Bartholdi statue, destined for Bedloe's Island. We have a singularly good opportunity of gracefully acknowledging this gift in building a monument on our own soil to French friendship and aid a century ago. Yorktown, on many accounts, seems the most fitting place for such a monument—the original project, as we have seen, chose that site. But more important than the place is the event to be celebrated—the alliance that culminated in the independence of the United States.

EXEMPTING STREET RAILROADS.

The amount of bungling that has been committed in the effort made in the Legislature during the present session to effect the much-needed revision of the Tax laws of this State is simply amazing, and furnishes conclusive evidence of the incapacity of that body to deal with the subject in an honest and intelligent manner. What the joint special committee attempted to do was bad enough, but some of its work has been made worse in the attempt to get it through the two branches of the Legislature. The committee set out with an avowed determination to bring under assessment a large amount of property which has heretofore escaped, and to allow no exemptions except such as are imperatively demanded by public opinion. These they found to include such property as is devoted to purposes of worship, of charity, and of education, by which the public is presumed to be benefited, or to be relieved from charges on its own account for the same work. Property that was employed for the profit of its owners was to be made subject to equitable taxation, according to the committee's very crude notions of equity, and the great money-making corporations of the State especially were to be made to bear their full share of the public burdens. It was to be expected that these associations of capital would make every effort to escape, or to have their share of taxation made as light as possible, but no one anticipated that the surface railroads in cities were to be made subjects of special favor. The corporations owning these have made large profits, and notwithstanding the competition of the elevated roads in this City, they continue here, as well as elsewhere, to do a very remunerative business. But by some mysterious means or other they have succeeded in exerting a remarkable influence for the modification of taxation bills in their interest. Their work has been done chiefly in the Senate, and that paragon of political virtue, Mr. WOODIN, has appeared conspicuously in accomplishing their object.

The bill for the taxation of corporations originally made no discrimination in their favor, and nobody but their officers or paid agents could ever discover any reason for doing so. But the measure was amended in the Senate, on motion of Mr. WOODIN, so as to exempt them from the tax of one-half of 1 per cent. on gross receipts, which was to be imposed on all other corporations engaged in the business of transportation, including ordinary railway, canal, steam-boat, ferry, express, and elevated railroad companies. As originally framed the amendment was intended to relieve them from the payment of all license fees for the use of the streets, and as the bill now stands it contains a discrimination in their favor for which no good reason can be given. But this bill is innocence itself compared to another which at first had a very harmless appearance. This had the form of an amendment of the Revised Statutes defining the word "lands" for the purposes of assessment as real estate. It included under that term a variety of structures above, below, and on the surface of the earth, such as wharves, piers, railroad structures and tracks, bridges, telegraph poles and wires, gas and other underground pipes, &c. Members of the committee boasted that this would bring under assessment a vast amount of valuable property which had hitherto escaped, thereby giving another among many evidences of their ignorance of the laws as they are. For, though some of these are not specifically mentioned in the statutes as they stand, under the ruling of the courts of the State they have all the while been included in real estate and taxed as such. The only exception is gas-pipes, to which no attempt has been made to apply the law, and, therefore, no test of the question has been made. It was well enough to have this specific definition of lands made law by enactment, instead of being left to the construction of the courts.

But into this harmless-appearing bill four words were quietly injected in the Senate, which, instead of extending the meaning of real estate, cut a "monstrous cantle" out from its assessment and taxation as such. These four words are "except street surface railroads." Whether the dictionary may be revised by legislation is a question, but when the Legislature goes into the business of definition it shows a wonderful lack of logic. If railroads are real estate, how comes it that the qualifying words "street surface" take them out of that category? If railroads in City streets, which enjoy privileges allowed to no other private property, are not real estate, what are they? For purposes of taxation nothing, and the main object of this bill in its present shape is to reduce them to that profitable state of annihilation. At present, street surface railroads are treated as real estate, and their valuation in this City amounts to several millions of dollars. By the passage of this bill this large amount is stricken from the assessment rolls, and the deficiency thereby created will have to be made up from other property. Even the joint special committee would probably fail to find any equity in that. But it is only just to say that this iniquitous exception is no part of the committee's work. Its harmless and comparatively neatness definition has, like Bottom the weaver, been "translated," and the ass's head should be placed on the right shoulders. These Senate amendments for the exemption of street railroads from their proper share of taxation have not been defended on any ground of justice or public expediency. Nothing can explain them but the supposition that the rich corporations of this City have found means of inducing men engaged in legislating for the public to serve them by having laws shaped for their special benefit.

SEND THEM TO CONCORD.

The prospects of the Concord school of philosophy are said to be peculiarly brilliant. For the coming season there have been engaged, in addition to the attractions of last Summer, two Western philosophers, Messrs. HARRIS and JONES, who are said to be beyond any dispute the vaguest men on this continent. When to these are added the unfathomable profundity of Mr. ALCOTT, and the unrivaled wealth of polysyllables wielded by Mr. WASSON, it becomes evident that the Concord school is to be more valuable than ever.

It is remarkable that no effort has hitherto been made by the graduates of Yale, Princeton, and Williams to induce those much overrated men, Dr. MARK HOPKINS, Dr. MCCOSH, and Dr. NOAH PORTER to attend the Concord school and to try to improve themselves. There still lingers among the men who have been taught by these three eminent instructors the belief that they know something of philosophy. Nevertheless, it must be painfully evident to every intelligent man who is not swayed by his prejudices that in comparison with JONES and HARRIS, neither MCCOSH, HOPKINS, nor PORTER know anything of philosophy. There was some slight excuse for the absence of these three men from the Concord school last Summer. Undoubtedly, they would have heard a great deal had they gone to Concord and listened to Mr. ALCOTT while the latter, seated on his tripod in the front hall of the philosophical school-house, gave forth his Orphic utterances, the dense obscurity of which, had they been at the command of Moses, would probably have enabled that able Hebrew to fairly solidify the darkness of Egypt. Still, Messrs. HOPKINS, MCCOSH, and PORTER could, with some plausibility, pretend that they could study Mr. ALCOTT'S works in their libraries, and hence did not need to go to Concord. Now, however, that Concord can boast the presence of a HARRIS and a JONES, all men who really wish to know anything about philosophy must attend the philosophical school and sit at the feet of the St. Louis and Oshkosh philosophers.

In spite of the factitious reputation which Dr. HOPKINS enjoys, it is tolerably certain that he knows nothing whatever of philosophy. His own writings prove this. There is not a sentence in one of them that cannot be readily understood by any one who reads it for the first time. He has even betrayed his own incompetence to write upon philosophic subjects by his inadvertent admission that there is no truth in philosophy which cannot be expressed in good honest English. Contrast this admission and the so-called philosophical works written in accordance with it with the writings of JONES and HARRIS. It is estimated that any given sentence written by the latter philosopher requires to be read twelve times by six distinct men before the slightest comprehension of its meaning can be reached, while there are those who claim that to understand Mr. JONES is absolutely impossible, unless the reader of his works first stands on his head, and in that position fits his mind to receive their meaning. What is Dr. HOPKINS in comparison with philosophers like these? Obviously, he is an ignorant pretender, and the sooner he goes to Concord and tries to learn a little something the better.

As to Dr. MCCOSH, he is as shallow a charlatan as Dr. HOPKINS. He openly and shamelessly pretends that no man can know what is unknowable. He insists that we can only understand what the mind can perceive, and he thus voluntarily shuts out of the domain of philosophy that vast world of the unknowable and the unthinkable in which Messrs. JONES and HARRIS are at home. It is not denied that he has a certain amount of hard Scotch sense, and that he has an occasional idea concerning some intelligible subject which is of real value, but of philosophy as taught by JONES and HARRIS he is utterly ignorant. It may be that he is too old to learn, but certainly the experiment is worth trying. Were the Princeton Alumni to formally request him to go to Concord and to learn the A B C of philosophy, he could hardly refuse, and if he did refuse, it would be a proof that he regarded himself as inferior in vagueness and unintelligibility to the master minds of Oshkosh and St. Louis.

Of Dr. PORTER it is only necessary to say that he believes in the existence of a GOD—a weakness which he shares with HOPKINS and MCCOSH—and that he declines to believe that both man and philosophy have been developed from formless incomprehensibility. This paltry pretender has written a book, on what he calls the "Intellect," which ignorant people regard as a philosophical work, but it is intelligible from the first to the last page, and contains nauseating evidences that the writer believes in the Christian religion. If the Yale men have any regard for the honor of their college, they will induce this person to go to Concord and to humbly beg Mr. HARRIS and Mr. JONES to teach him the elements of vagueness and the basic principles of unintelligibility. Probably he is too densely ignorant to learn anything, but, at all events, the experiment can do no harm.

The Concord philosophers—that is to say, the few among them who have ever heard of HOPKINS, MCCOSH, and PORTER—know that they are ignorant pretenders, but for that very reason they will be all the more ready to enlighten them. The spectacle of these three men sitting on a wooden bench and listening to Mr. HARRIS while he explains how the vagueness of the unintelligible differs from the unintelligibility of the vague, and demonstrates that both together lie at the foundation of philosophy, would fill the thoughtful mind with a variety of thoughts, and were the three pupils to reverently listen to Mr. JONES's exposition of the relation of pork to the unthinkable, they would return to their homes in a state of mind which —. But it is, perhaps, useless to point out the precise effect which the teachings of the Western philosophers would have upon the three instructors in question. Perhaps they would howl a little at first, and express a desire to break somebody with a handful of jelly, but we cannot doubt that they would learn a great deal more about philosophy than they have ever dreamed of.

Miss NEILSON'S engagement in this City, an engagement lasting four weeks, and marked throughout by almost wonderful prosperity, will end to-night. Her season in this country—begun early in the Autumn—will shortly be closed in California, toward which glorious clime she starts to-morrow morning. To-night's performances will be the one hundred and eighty-sixth that she has given in the United States since her return here—a statement which proves her capacity for hard work, as her acting proves the value of her art. The receipts of all her performances, including that of Saturday night, when she was seen by one of the largest audiences ever assembled within the walls of Booth's Theatre, amount to almost $180,000, her share of which will not fall much short of $75,000. From her benefit this evening she will gain a further sum of $2,000. Her engagement in California is for four weeks, and her terms for this period are 60 per cent. of the gross receipts, with a guarantee that she shall not have less than $800 for each representation. In other words, she is about to add at least $18,000 to her income—a pretty fair recompense for a month's labor. These figures are chiefly interesting to the observer of the stage and of its influence in these days, because they illustrate a truth sometimes lost sight of, namely, that Shakespeare still pays; a fact to be dwelt on most devoutly. The characters of Julia and Pauline, both holding high places in Miss NEILSON'S repertory, have been presented by her but a few times comparatively, for the actress has relied almost entirely upon her Juliet, Viola, and Imogen, while she has also had the courage to bring forward prominently the neglected "Measure for Measure." In brief, Miss NEILSON, during her term of greatest popularity, has been essentially a Shakespearean artist, and in her the great poet has found a brilliant and conscientious exponent of some of his finest and most purely poetic conceptions. An actress who can accomplish so much for Shakespeare, while accomplishing legitimately so much for herself, may bravely utter his wise words:

"Truth can never be confirmed enough
Though doubts did ever sleep."

A movement in the United States Army to give veterinary surgeons a certain rank and position in the service, after the manner that prevails in the British Army, bids fair to result in drawing a line between regular and irregular veterinary practitioners which it has heretofore proved impossible to establish. Although many of them are skillful and able men in their profession, well taught in anatomy, physiology, pathology, and materia medica, and well trained in surgery and the clinique, probably not one-half the veterinary practitioners in the United States are legally equipped for their work. Some of them are graduates of institutions not properly empowered, and others are self-read and self-taught, or have merely served an apprenticeship with the local horse doctor. A few, possessing legal diplomas as well as properly equipped intellectually, have stood aloof from the mass and refused to consult with them, but were powerless beyond that. The recent movement to appoint veterinary surgeons in the Army, by examination and the proper credentials of regularity, has put a weapon in the hands of the legitimate members of the profession of which they have not been slow to avail themselves. Quite recently, on the recommendation of President RAWSON, of the New-York College of Veterinary Surgeons, PETER PETRIE, V. S., was appointed upon the application of Col. THOMAS H. O'NEILL, commanding at Fort Ringgold, Texas, to the position of veterinary surgeon at that post; and other applications to President RAWSON to verify the regularity of the diplomas of applicants for similar positions in the service have been made. Thus the conflict between veterinary regularity and veterinary quackery, which has been kept up so hopelessly for many years by the few who insist that veterinary medicine is a difficult and learned profession, when properly appreciated, has received an unexpected assistance from a most authoritative quarter—and one which will result in more benefit probably than all the useless Faculty discussions and resolutions which have taken place during the last ten years.

Late Belgian newspapers mention that LIAM SANS VORRUNOX, of Liége, a poor cobbler, and the father, of course, of a numerous family, has drawn a prize in the Grand Franco-Spanish Lottery of 150,000 francs, and has in consequence been nearly beside himself with joy. Another workman, from whom he had purchased the ticket, and who had bought it during a visit to Paris, is so frantic with sorrow because he did not keep it that it is believed he will permanently lose his wits. This story, which appears to be true, will cause a deal of harm to the laboring classes; for other laborers will now hope that they too may secure a prize, and many will spend more or less of their hard earnings to that end. Lotteries do incalculable mischief wherever they are permitted, not to prosperous people, who rarely patronize them, but to those who have the least money to spare, and to whom the closest economy is absolutely necessary. In the Old World and the New, the greater the ignorance and penury of men the more they dabble in lotteries. Tens of thousands of Italians are kept wretchedly poor by exchanging their slender savings for tickets; and any number of unfortunates, even in this City, continually carry their few dollars to the policy shops, believing that they shall win at last. France abolished lotteries more than 40 years ago, though it allows them on special, usually charitable, occasions. The wisdom of their abolition was shown by the increase of savings banks deposits which immediately followed. If nobody would draw a prize for five or six years the mania might be cured; but, at long intervals, some man proves lucky like VORRUNOX, and his luck stimulates the passion to frenzy.

There seems to be a tendency springing up in England to make a very free use of titles of nobility—hot so much in respect to Englishmen themselves, though even on this head something might be said in criticism of the rather ignoble manner in which Lord BEACONSFIELD dispensed these honors just prior to his retirement from office; but what we refer to now, is their use in connection with distinguished foreigners. The new Chinese Ambassador, who is to resettle with Russia the Kuldja dispute, is almost invariably spoken of in the English newspapers as the Marquis Tseng, though it would be hard, for the users of this title to give any valid reason for its existence in connection with a Chinese mandarin, who gained his office by a species of competitive examination, and who has no official rank that he can pass on to his offspring. But a still more singular case of title-giving is found in connection with the arrival in England of the Embassy sent by King Mtesa of Uganda, the pious African potentate of whom Mr. STANLEY told so many stories. This monarch, with the double desire of getting a white wife and of securing the friendship of Queen VICTORIA, has sent three of his followers to London, who have been received by the Royal Geographical Society, and have been otherwise lionized. But it has been thought necessary to ennoble them, and so they have been gravely introduced as Earl NAMKADDE, Earl KATANDEA, and Earl SAWANDU. One is tempted to wonder what title SITTING BULL or RED CLOUD would get if either were to pay a visit to our transatlantic cousins.

Now that the season of erecting liberty-poles is again at hand, a recent decision of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania on this subject is of general interest. The decision was rendered in an action for damages for injuries caused by the falling of a liberty-pole. The pole had been erected in one of the streets of Allegheny in the Presidential campaign of 1876. During a violent storm the upper part of it was broken off, and falling, struck a boy on the opposite side of the street. The court below held that the erection of the pole in the street was in itself a nuisance, and if the city authorities, whose duty it was to remove it, knew of its being there and allowed it to remain, and the boy was injured without any negligence on his part, then the city was liable. The Supreme Court takes a different view of the law. It does not deny that the city would be liable for permitting to stand a pole known to be dangerous and likely to break or fall. But the presence of a pole in a public place is not necessarily a nuisance; it is not in itself a nuisance. The court remarked that the erection of liberty-poles appears to have been almost coeval with the birth of the nation. "As the object of their erection was patriotic, and with a view of inspiring a spirit calculated to advance the public welfare, they were placed on highways and public squares. The people so desired it. The municipal authorities acquiesced in it. It is a custom sanctioned by a hundred years and interwoven with the traditions, memories, and cherished rights of a free people. Unless forbidden by the authorities, it has been considered the exercise of a lawful license incident to citizenship." The question of liability, therefore, depended upon the fact whether the pole had been carelessly put up, whether it had been erected in such a place and in such a manner, and was of such construction as to have given reasonable apprehension of danger. If the jury should find that the pole was sound, and so secured and protected that prudent and cautious persons considered it safe, and it was broken by a wind of unusual violence, the city was not liable for any injury done by its falling. Nor did the city become liable if the breaking occurred by reason of a defect in the pole unknown to the municipal authorities, and which could not be discovered by a careful examination of the pole as it stood.

GENERAL NOTES.

The City of Montreal, Quebec, is going to tax telephone companies $400 a year.

The Portsmouth (N. H.) Savings Bank has had but three Treasurers since it was incorporated, 87 years ago.

The Burlington (Vt.) *Free Press* says that the Hon. Bradley Barlow will not be a candidate for re-election to Congress.

The Greenbackers of the Ninth District of Missouri have nominated the Hon. Nicholas Ford for re-election to Congress.

Cornelius Woods, a Waterloo veteran, died at Halifax, Nova Scotia, last week, at the age of 93 years. He had two medals and had seen much service.

San Francisco papers report the discovery of three cases of leprosy in "Chinatown" within a month, the latest victim being a woman who had been deserted by her countrymen.

Mrs. Sally Wilder, who reached her hundredth year in January last, entered with zest into the mild enjoyment of a church strawberry festival in Pittsfield, Ohio, on Thursday evening last.

Employing the old-time phrase of Gen. Toombs, the Columbus (Ga.) *Enquirer* says that Gov. Colquitt's appointment of ex-Gov. Joseph E. Brown as United States Senator, "fatigues the indignation."

The Rev. Dr. W. A. Bartlett, of Indianapolis, formerly of Brooklyn, has been invited to deliver the address before the literary societies of the University of Indiana at the coming Commencement, and has accepted.

It is said that the Rev. Edward Everett Hale has withdrawn his name from the list of members of the St. Botolph Club, of Boston, giving as the reason that he cannot approve of the furnishing of wines and liquors to its members.

A "somewhat boisterous" passenger, who was removed from a parlor car on the Canada Central Railway one evening recently to the smoking car by the conductor, and lost his hat and his temper in the transfer, has sued the company for $10,000 damages.

To-day the Louisiana Republican State Convention meets. The Colorado Republicans, Tennessee Greenbackers, and Delaware Democrats will follow to-morrow. On Wednesday the Kansas and the Missouri Democrats and the West Virginia Greenbackers meet, and on Thursday the Minnesota Democrats and the Wisconsin Greenbackers. Thus, the current week will not be without political interest and importance.

The Fish Commissioners of Maine announce that the Kennebec River, which formerly abounded in salmon, shad, alewives, and other valuable fish, but of late years has known them not, because of the dam at Augusta, has been now reopened to their passage up the stream by the construction of a fishway at the dam. The opening of this fishway is to be publicly celebrated, by the Commissioners and others interested, to-morrow morning.

Dr. I. N. Brown, of Laurel, Ohio, claims that the distinct likeness of a little girl's face has been photographed by lightning upon a window-pane in that town, and that the picture has been recognized by a score of persons as the 6-year old daughter of Thomas Rogers, who occupied the house in which the window is, a year and a half ago. There are, he says, three other pictures on the same pane, but no one has yet recognized them; and there are pictures on three other panes in the same window. Washing and rubbing the glass does not remove the pictures.

A letter from ex-Gov. Israel Washburn, of Portland, Me., written on the 17th inst., has been received by a prominent gentleman of Galena, Ill., (so the Galena *Gazette* says,) in which it is stated that the brother of the writer, the Hon. E. B. Washburne, is suffering from a severe attack of diphtheria, with which he was prostrated immediately on his arrival at Portland from Springfield; that for two or three days his case was regarded as extremely critical, but at the time of writing Mr. Washburne was considered out of danger, and in a fair way of recovery. Gov. Washburn, in his letter, expresses a very decided and emphatic preference for Gen. Grant, whose nomination he greatly desires. He further states that he believes the country, in its present circumstances, would receive more advantage from Grant's election than that of any other man, and that he would receive a stronger popular support at the polls than any other.

OBITUARY.

MONROE FORBES GALE.

Monroe Forbes Gale, foreman of THE TIMES establishment since it was founded, died at noon yesterday at his residence, No. 191 Fort Greene-place, Brooklyn. He had lingered through a severe illness for seven months. Mr. Gale was born in Dedham, Mass., in 1817, and served his apprenticeship with the Merrian Brothers, printers, in Springfield, Mass. He came to New-York in 1836, and after working in various offices, at length secured employment in the *Tribune's* composing-room. During those early days of modern journalism

ENGLISH ART AND ARTISTS

PAINTINGS AT THE GROSVENOR GALLERY.

THE SOURCE OF THE PRE-RAPHAELITE REVOLT — BURNE - JONES'S "GOLDEN STAIRS"—COLOR UNSKILLFULLY USED.

LONDON, May 12.—During the present month it is considered the correct thing in London to have some sort of an opinion upon current art matters, especially upon the relative merits of the Royal Academy and the Grosvenor Exhibitions. The opinion must be well defined and vigorously expressed. It is generally somewhat after this form: "Not been to the exhibitions! Well, you will find nothing whatever in the Grosvenor. Perfect rubbish. But the Academy!"

I have kept away from the Royal Academy, not caring to mix my impressions too much; but the Grosvenor is certainly not to be disposed of with any such sweeping comparison. There is rubbish in it, but also enough interesting and valuable painting to make it extremely unlikely that the Royal Academy, with its comparatively indiscriminate collection of thousands, will prove as attractive as the more carefully-sifted collection of Sir Coutts Lindsay. That gentleman and his assistant Directors, Messrs. J. Comyns Carr, (the London editor of *L'Art,*) and C. E. Hallé, are responsible for every piece of sculpture or painting that is to be seen at the Grosvenor, and doubly responsible, because they do not wait for objects to be offered, but go out of the way to invite artists to expose their work. The gallery is therefore very similar to the exhibitions of the Society of American Artists in New-York, both in character and drift, while the Royal Academy takes relatively the position of the National Academy at home. The Royal Academy has the prestige of age, the weight arising from mere numbers; it has the patronage of the social powers on its side. The Grosvenor, although not without signs of attainment to a comfortable prosperity, is still, in some respects, a struggler. But in England social considerations have so much power that even the Grosvenor is invaded by concessions to royalty, nobility, and fashion, and we are regaled with a number of tasteless drawings and statuettes whose only virtue consists in the imposing titles of the persons represented. The portraits of children of Prince Christian in pencil and that of the Marquis of Lorne in terra-cotta do not add to the artistic dignity of the collection.

The Grosvenor is the rallying place of the Pre-Raphaelites, if that name can still be applied to the men who once made head against the prevailing torpor of British art. The violence with which these young men and their apostle, Ruskin, revolted has its origin in the social forms of England. The feeling that a large body of Englishmen not only considered themselves the superiors of men of letters and the arts, but were so considered by most Englishmen, was always intolerable to those who felt themselves raised by their talents to the highest rank. In other lands the aristocracy is less rigid, or the lower ranks less pushing; for one reason or the other, there is less restraint, less vulgar pride on the part of the great, less vulgar resentment and striving on the part of the lowly. The Pre-Raphaelites showed in their art the unnatural tension of the British social fabric. They were violently and absurdly revolutionary, violently and absurdly affected. The crazy utterances of Mr. Ruskin proceed from this, and so do the singular affectations of a long list of English painters and literary men. This is the key to Thackeray's uneasiness and bitter sarcasms. The motive for things as diverse as "The Book of Snobs," "Lothair," and Burne-Jones's "The Golden Stairs," a picture in the present Grosvenor, proceeds from revolt in different forms against the tyranny of English society.

That Mr. Burne-Jones is the most remarkable exponent of modern British art is saying little. His typifies in the most amiable and charming manner the prettinesses and affectations into which the Pre-Raphaelites ran so soon as they had exhausted the impetus of their first revolt. Unlike Mr. Millais, who paints slender-waisted maidens in neat clothes, who are indulging in some commonplace form of sentiment—maidens who are cleverly calculated to please the public taste—Mr. Burne-Jones cultivates ideas which belong to a comparatively small circle of persons. His women are less conventionally slender and are dressed in styles belonging to the Renaissance, but they are equally sentimental. "The Golden Stairs" is an upright picture, showing a winding stair, by no means golden, on which white-robed young women with bare feet and stalwart men are descending in a procession. They are in all sorts of positions, the turn of the stair, which has no balusters, being cleverly managed so as to bring many figures into the canvas. The white gowns of the band are ingeniously plaited and twisted, falling in graceful and unusual folds, and in their hands are musical instruments of various kinds. Mr. Jones has tried to give in color and expression a kind of ideal purity to this descending procession, but, to say the best for it, the effect is merely sweet and sentimental. What adds to this is the fact that almost every face or figure is substantially of the same mold, as if all had been painted from the same model. Slight differences are found in the color of the hair. Some figures are leaning forward, others thrown back ecstatic, others turning the head to catch a sound, others busy with their instruments. But they are monotonous. If meant to represent life, they are wanting in realism; if meant to embody spiritual beings, they are too real. It is the poetry of the Morrises and the art criticism of Mr. Ruskin put in shapes.

With all this there is also great sweetness and charm in "The Golden Stairs." Plump and coquettish are these angels in their clear, clinging garments, and most pleasing are the varied movements of their round legs and feet. The monotony of face which they exhibit is not peculiar to Mr. Jones, for Mr. W. B. Richmond, who contributes a large canvas called "The Song of Miriam," in which are a host of figures of men and women, possesses the same inability to vary his type. The women are masculine and the men feminine, all shaped on pretty much the same universal or unisexual type. This is of course a trick caught from the Renaissance painters of angels, in whom one is not often sure of the sex. Mr. Walter Crane is a third Pre-Raphaelite in a lighter form. Energetic and industrious, he contributes 11 pieces to the Grosvenor, in addition to decorative and other work to be seen elsewhere. "Truth and the Traveler" is his most ambitious venture, and has a poetical foot-note in the catalogue. In this case he is more Pre-Raphaelitic than usual. "Truth" being a naked person, unmistakably masculine in the general build of the figure, who sits by a mediæval well, while the "Traveler" is a long-visaged pilgrim of the usual type, with cap and scrip. The city from which Truth has fled to her or his well appears in the distance with symbolical statues on the wall. The trees are conventionalized after the old Italians. Mr. R. Spencer Stanhope, however, goes over boldly to the old masters and to symbolism in "The Waters of Lethe." A pilgrim's procession of old and young man and women, draped and nude, is trembling, walking, running, shambling, and falling across the canvas. Some are fording the river which runs on the right. Others have crossed and lie in a "grisly grove" in the contorted attitudes of opium-smokers. Others have reached a land of happiness beyond. With the symbolism there is no fault to find. On the contrary, Mr. Stanhope shows high inventiveness as well as power of composition. But one sees the same recurrence of one type in figures and faces, and a good deal more than the usual disdain of the modern advances in art. The picture, in its pallid tints, imitates the old masters on the most unsuccessful side. Like them, the figures are somewhat outlines filled in with color, and seem, thereby, to be striving after a *unreal* which the present age does not possess. Mr. Stanhope is using his talents to little purpose, for he attempts the impossible. He cannot attain to the secret of the real greatness in the work of the old Italians by following their superficial traits; the more he imitates the shell of their art, the less force is he able to devote to the kernel.

Color is the crucial test of painting, and, before saying more of individual paintings, it may be well to speak of the color of the English pictures at the Grosvenor. It may be best described as that of pastelles or colored crayons, an illusion which is heightened by the frequent use of glass over the face of the canvas. The painters at the Grosvenor are generally deficient in color; it may be said that they do not hold for the amount of their skillful use the measurement of color. They are as a rule ignorant of color "values," or disdain them. An exception to the rule is Mr. Alfred Parsons, whose "Gathering Strawberry" and "Last Gleanings" are most delightful in color, textures being charming in composition and subject. Mr. A. Moore just escapes being fine in color, his "Jasmine" and "Rose Leaves," figure pictures of woman draped in flowing materials, are among the very best in the collection, original, finely drawn, bold and charming in pose. Yet even as exquisite a workman as Mr. Moore cannot escape a hint of crudity in color, the merest trace, it may be, yet still a fatal trace of brickiness. This quality, so common to the English work, makes one think of the acknowledged pre-eminence of the English in water-colors and turn to the small annex for water-color drawings in hope to see some fine pieces. The exhibition in that respect is very disappointing. The sketches of Louise, Marchioness of Waterford, though rather slight, are brilliant exceptions to the mediocrity of the general collection of water-colors. Like the New-York exhibitions, the Grosvenor has some elephantine wit on the part of artists, but fortunately not in oils. A page or more of the catalogue is given up to some very heavy jocosity descriptive of a water-color by Mr. H. Doyle, called "The Battle of the Elves and Frogs." Worse drawing and color one need not hope to meet in any exhibition.

Though the color of these painters is seldom good, it would be a mistake to infer that they have no color. They have too much color, and use it too recklessly. The impression they make is that of amateurs who are full of promise, and will some day tone down their eccentricities and become great painters. Perhaps this, too, is an illusion. Besides the work already noticed, there is much to interest a foreigner among the Englishmen, and still more among the foreigners present; for, taken all in all, the best work present is by Frenchmen and Americans.

EUROPEAN STATE AFFAIRS.

GERMANY AND THE VATICAN—FRENCH AND ITALIAN ELECTIONS—THE EASTERN TROUBLES.

COLOGNE, May 23.—A Rome correspondent asserts that Cardinal Jacobini has been instructed by the Curia to inform Prussia that the Pope disapproves the permissive system in the bill amending the May laws, and withdraws the concession made in the brief to the Archbishop of Cologne regarding notification to be made to the Prussian Government of the appointment of priests, declaring it void.

PARIS, May 23.—The election at Lyons for member of the Chamber of Deputies to succeed M. Millaud, who became a Senator, resulted as follows: M. Blanqui, 5,957; M. Rochet, (Republican,) 5,096, and M. Tefter, (Working Men's candidate,) 2,050. There were 1,440 blank voting papers cast. A second ballot will be necessary.

ROME, May 23.—Of the second ballots for members of the Chamber of Deputies the results in 46 cases received up to the present time give 14 seats to the Constitutionalists, 24 to the Ministerialists, and 8 to the Dissident Left. Garibaldi and Crispi are among those elected.

Later.—Returns from 101 second ballots show the following results: Constitutionalists, 51; Ministerialists, 37; Dissidents, 13.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 23.—The Porte has settled the claims of the contractors for the War Office by giving them assignments upon the tithes for the next year.

LONDON, May 24.—A Vienna dispatch says: "At the interview between Mr. Goschen and the Baron von Haymerle, the latter, though he fully conceded the necessity of the complete carrying out of the Berlin treaty, pointed out that the treaty was regarded rather as providing for the regeneration of Turkey than as a weapon for destroying her."

A Berlin correspondent has advices from St. Petersburg that the Chinese Envoy has postponed his departure from Paris for St. Petersburg four weeks. The Chinese Embassy in St. Petersburg is informed from Pekin that Chung How will be executed in a month.

A Madrid dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company says 131 Monarchist Senators and Deputies have joined the coalition against the Government. The new party takes the name of *the Liberal Party.*

The Daily News, in its editorial columns, strongly condemns the retention of Sir Bartle Frere in South Africa.

A correspondent at St. Petersburg writes that Gen. Melikoff recently submitted to the Czar a proposal for the establishment of a two-house Assembly. The Czar deprecated the suggestion, and said he left further reforms in the hands of the Czarewitch after he is dead.

Mr. P. J. Smyth has withdrawn his resignation of his seat in Parliament. He explains that his resolve to resign was taken hastily.

A Kabul dispatch states that the British mission to Abdurrahman-Khan was received everywhere with distinction on the route. Letters to Mohammed Jan, urging him to attack the British lately in Ghazni and Maidan, were found on the Mustauf Habibullah, who was recently arrested at Shirpur, and proved to be written by him. Ayoob Khan continues to declare his intention to attack Kandahar.

A Berlin dispatch says Prince Bismarck has declined to preside over the new European Conference, and has nominated Prince Hohenlohe.

Vienna special correspondents state that Mr. Goschen found Baron von Haymerle too conservative toward Turkey.

CURRENT FOREIGN TOPICS.

PARIS, May 23.—The Communist demonstration to-day in commemoration of the death of their comrades, shot on the 23d of May, 1871, passed off without any more serious incidents than the arrest of 13 persons, including one Prussian, and a slight encounter between the Police and the throng.

The race for the French Derby was run today at Chantilly, and was won by Beauminet by a short head, The Lion second.

LONDON, May 24.—A Copenhagen dispatch states that about 1,000 workmen created a riot in Christiania, Norway, yesterday. The soldiers charged upon the crowd and wounded several of them. Nine of the soldiers were injured.

James Harrison and Sons, millers, of Limerick, have failed, with liabilities stated at £80,000.

A Constantinople correspondent telegraphs: "The Ottoman Legation at Washington will be abolished for financial reasons."

A Madrid dispatch says 2,000 spinners participated in the wrecking and subsequent burning of the mill at Barcelona. Forty-three persons were arrested.

The Dublin Mansion House Committee report a balance in hand of £28,880, which, it is asserted, will not last three weeks. Earl Cowper has sent £500 to the committee.

A Dresden dispatch announces the death of Charles August Krebs, the German composer.

A Calcutta dispatch says: "The Rumpa rebellion shows signs of breaking out afresh owing to the withdrawal of troops. Reinforcements have been ordered up. The report that the question of repurchasing or annexing Cashmere is under consideration is untrue."

LOSSES IN WALL-STREET AND SUICIDE.

The family of Mr. Thomas W. Rice, of No. 226 Adelphi-street, Brooklyn, were awakened early yesterday morning by the sharp report of a pistol in Mr. Rice's bedroom. They rushed to the room, and there found Mr. Rice lying unconscious in bed with the blood pouring from a wound in the right temple. He lay in a natural position, and near his right hand was a revolver with which he had shot himself. A physician was hastily called in, but Mr. Rice died in a few moments without recovering consciousness. Word was sent to Coroner Simms, and during the forenoon the latter impaneled a jury and held an inquest. From the testimony it appears that Mr. Rice's suicide was caused by unsuccessful speculations in Wall-street. About three years ago he retired from business with a large fortune, at the age of 50 years, and settled down to enjoy his old age in quiet. About a year ago, however, he caught the fever of speculation, and began to invest heavily in stocks and bonds in Wall-street. Losses followed, and Mr. Rice grew despondent. On Saturday he did not rise from his bed, and lay and tossed about all day. Toward evening he quieted down somewhat. At 9 o'clock Mrs. Rice spoke to him, and he seemed to have regained his usual composure. He wife then retired to sleep with her sick daughter, to be aroused by the pistol-shot yesterday morning. The Coroner's jury brought in a verdict of suicide while in a temporary aberration of mind. Mr. Rice leaves a widow and four children.

DEATHS FROM MALARIA.

BINGHAMPTON, May 22.—D. J. Sullivan, a prominent builder of this city, died at his residence here Saturday of malaria fever, contracted at the Insane Asylum building, where he has been making alterations and repairs. Malaria from an old sewer that recently opened underneath and through the centre of the building is thought to have caused sickness of many of the men engaged on the work. Three of them have died.

COL. INGERSOLL AT BOOTH'S

THE GREAT INFIDEL PREACHER ROUNDLY HISSED.

SOME THINGS WHICH EVEN SUNDAY EVENING AMUSEMENT-SEEKERS WOULD NOT STAND—THE GOD OF THE BIBLE RIDICULED AND DENOUNCED—THE LECTURER'S VIEWS ABOUT THE COMING CONVENTIONS.

Twenty-third-street was lined last evening with ticket speculators who shouted in vain. Mindful of their experience of the previous Sunday, those who desired to laugh at God with Ingersoll had evidently purchased their seats in advance. Even the regular ticket-seller was idle. At 6:20, when Ingersoll began his lecture on "The Gods," Booth's Theatre was crowded as full as it would hold, but there was the same remarkable absence of persons of prominence previously noted. The net profits of the first lecture were over $1,700, and those of last night must have swelled the amount to nearly $2,500. Agents of the Bible Society stood in front of the entrances last evening, distributing Testaments to all who would take them. The lecturer was warmly received. He introduced his subject with the usual funny anecdote. He was recently introduced to a gentleman of ministerial appearance, who did not seem gratified at the introduction. [Laughter.] "Ah!" said the latter, "you, I believe, are the gentleman who is endeavoring to abolish hell?" [Laughter.] "Yes," responded Col. Ingersoll, "I'm doing a little at it." [Laughter.] "You'll never succeed," said the other in a deep sepulchral voice. "Well, if I don't," was Col. Ingersoll's retort, "You'll be sorry after you die." [Great laughter.] There was, the lecturer continued, no blasphemy but injustice, and no real worship but justice. Suppose a man named Smith should overhear two small bugs disputing in his yard as to whether he [Smith] existed, and, flying into a rage, should kill the infidel bug for the purpose of convincing it that Smith was a diabolical fact. [Laughter.] What would be thought of Smith? It would be just as ridiculous to assume that an infinite God cares for any man's idea as to what He is. [Cries of "Good!" and applause.]

There had always been gods and there had always been priests, and the priests had always to be supported. The priests were the pretended members of the lobby of the heavenly legislature. [Laughter.] Men always made his God in the fashion of what he considered his superiors. When he rose above the brute he fashioned his God in the image of a man, and at the present day no person is capable of imagining God otherwise than as a man, because man is the highest form of intellectual development conceivable. [Applause.] It was impossible to think of God as a woman. Had woman been structured by Deity, she would have instituted a Goddess. [Laughter and applause.] Man put into the mouth of his God all his own mistakes of geology and science. No God was ever better than man made him, and only when man becomes perfectly civilized himself will he conceive of a perfectly civilized God. [Applause.] "We can't," said the lecturer imagine a Creator. If he created anything the thing created must have had a beginning. Back of that is a boundless eternity during which God did nothing. He did not think, because there was nothing to think about. He did not remember because nothing ever happened. [Laughter.] It may all be true, but I don't understand it, and I have made up my mind not to worship my ignorance." [Applause and laughter.]

Col. Ingersoll went on to prove that the God of the Bible is a fiend. The true God, he said, never advocated slavery or polygamy, as he is there represented to have done. He never ordered a man to kill his infidel wife. If God did that, he would like to know what the devil would have done under the circumstances. [Laughter and applause.] "They tell me," shouted the lecturer, "that I must worship that God. I won't. [Applause.] They tell me I'll be damned if I don't, but I say I'll be d—d if I do. [Great laughter and cheers.] I don't believe that God ever did these things, and if He exists I ask Him to write in His book of eternal remembrance that I denied that He for Him." [Applause.] Speaking of the story of Elisha and the irreverent boys, Col. Ingersoll said: "Of course, Elisha had no control over the action of the bears. God attended to the bear part. [Laughter.] Imagine an infinite God yelling to his Secretary, 'Here, you couple of bears—quick!'" [Shouts of laughter.] The devil, in the lecturer's opinion, had always been better to man than God. No devil ever drowned the world or sent famines. In the Garden of Eden the devil induced Adam and Eve to eat of the tree of knowledge, and thus earned the hatred of the Church everlasting. [Laughter and applause.] He was, consequently, the first school-master, and the author of ambition, of modesty, of civilization, and of progress. The worst thing ever told of the devil was in relation to Job. Here the lecturer paraphrased the story of Job. At one point he puts a strong expression into the mouth of God, and instantly there was a storm of hisses, followed by an outburst of cheers, then more hisses and more cheers, the tumult continuing for some minutes. When it subsided, the lecturer said: "Gentlemen, I don't think Jehovah can take care of himself. Let me settle with God. I had rather settle with Him than with any agent of His with whom I was ever acquainted." [Applause and hisses.]

Further on the lecturer quoted a sermon by Mr. Talmage on Idolatry. Alluding to the incident mentioned in it, he said: "No names are given. They never are in such cases. We are never told the names of the 5-year-old boys who convert their grandfathers. [Laughter.] or of the dead who are raised to life. It is always 'a certain man.' [Great applause.] Referring to another sermon by Mr. Talmage, whom he characterized as a "man of great judgment but deficient in fancy," [great laughter,] the lecturer said, after quoting the reverend gentleman's description of a mountain of bread and a mountain of butter seen by an old woman in a dream: "When I read that I thought, 'my Lord! what a place to start a political party!'" (Shouts of laughter.) "I found in a paper the other day," continued Col. Ingersoll, "a prayer to contain chemistry to enable the London *World,* "does not defeat the true main from the original, if in 'Hearts ease' some attempt is made to sell the means by which the heroine of the story obtains her living, while her relations with the hero are referred to vaguely as an 'engagement.'" These small changes have satisfied the virtuous licenser.

An accomplished Parisian critic writes as follows of Sara Bernhardt: "Her talent possesses only a few chords, exquisite, it is true, and of an infinite charm, but which are not sufficient to fill and charm a whole evening. She plays divinely the Queen in 'Ruy Blas.' She speaks marvelously the narrative of Mrs. Clarkson in 'L'Etrangère.' But what would 'L'Etrangère be without Febrer, without Mlle. Croisette, without that pleiad of excellent comedians who act with them? Is there a Zaïre without Oroumane, a Monime without Mithridate? Take the rôles of Sara Bernhardt, one after the other, and you will see that they cannot be detached, with impunity from the whole in which they are incorporated."

Mme. Modjeska's appearances in London have called forth a great deal of warm praise. The extreme beauty and delicacy of her art are admired as heartily in England as they were admired in our own country. The *Telegraph* sums up her talent in a paragraph which agrees curiously with what has been said of her in these columns: "Madame Modjeska is an artist, an artist so satisfying that she sometimes approaches the confines of genius; an artist so delicate, graceful, and expressive that she may well blind the judgment of those who feel her fascination but are never carried away by her power. She always pleases; she never thrills. We look on her with admiration; we are never absorbed by her. It is art carried to the highest perfection; but it is art."

A magnificent statue of Beethoven, the cost of which was defrayed by a subscription among music-lovers all over the world, was unveiled recently in front of the square of the Academical Gymnasium at Vienna. Beethoven is represented as sitting on a rock, his hands across his knees, his cloak fallen from his broad shoulders to his hips, and his body in the attitude of one listening to distant music. Prometheus gnawed by the eagle and the Goddess of Victory are at the left and right, respectively, of the pedestal, which is surrounded by nine geniuses. The word "Beethoven," in large Roman characters, is the only inscription. The monument, which is 18 feet high, was designed by Herr Kasper Von Zumbusch, Professor of Sculpture at the Academy of Vienna, and it has been executed by that celebrated sculptor and his best pupils.

Negotiations have been opened with Mr. Irving for the appearance at the London Lyceum during the Summer vacation next year of the entire company of the Ducal Court Theatre of Saxe-Meiningen. The high reputation of this theatre in Germany has been won, not by the possession of any performers of very great renown, but rather by the even excellence of the representations given of the best works of German and other dramatists. The repertory of the company will include plays by Shakespeare, Schiller, Molière, and the German acting version of Goethe's "Faust." The appearance of this famous German troupe of players in London will call to mind the performances in which Emile Deverlest took part nearly 30 years ago. These performances are briefly described in Morley's Journal of a London Play-goer."

An English writer has come across a reference in an old theatrical dictionary to "George Barnwell," which has been lately revived in London. The full title of the play is "The London Merchant; or, the History of George Barnwell," it is not strictly original, being, it is stated, "translated by George Lillo," probably from the French. The play, printed in octavo in 1763, was, it is stated, "acted at the Theatre Royal in Drury-lane, with great success. It is written in prose, and although the language is consequently not so dignified as that of the Roskin is usually expected to be, yet it is well adapted to the subject it is written on, and yet elevated enough to express the sentiments of the characters, which are all thrown into domestic life." From this it will be seen that "George Barnwell" even in those early days, was not considered a model dramatic work. We are, however, told in the play, in language the extraordinary, that, and the conduct of it affection."

GENERAL TELEGRAPH NEWS

NEWS FROM THE ISTHMUS.

A CANAL CONTRACT MADE WITH AN AMERICAN COMPANY—THE NEW COALING STATIONS.

PANAMA, May 15.—The *Star and Herald* says: "A contract has been made between Mr. A. G. Mencoal, on the part of an American company, and the Government of the Republic of Nicaragua, for the construction of a canal across Nicaraguan territory. It now awaits only the approval of the Legislative Congress, which has been convoked for that purpose, to become a law of the land. The terms of the contract have not been made public, but it is said that they are extremely liberal on the part of the Government, and more explicit and in detail than those of the Wyse-Salgac contract. The points developed in the discussion of the Panama contract have been of service in the arrangement of the terms of the Nicaragua business. The *Parvenir,* of Nicaragua, asserts that the moving spirits of the new American company are President Hayes, Gen. Grant, Admiral Ammen, and Mr. A. G. Mencoal. Great enthusiasm exists in the various cities of Nicaragua in favor of the new contract, and we hope it may share a more happy fate than the Blanchet affair. A canal, no matter where built, will be a benefit to all the world, and we desire to see it accomplished as soon as possible. The Nicaragua people are, now-days, a little behind in their calculations. While they are occupied in the discussion of preliminaries, &c., M. De Lesseps has already got through that part of the business, and it only remains for him now to form his company and go ahead. He says he can raise the money and we believe him. We are not so sure about the Nicaragua company. In both cases the corporations have to be created and endowed with financial life, and in the race, Lesseps has, by long odds, the advantage.

"Workmen are busy making preparations for the removal of the bronze statue of Columbus from its present position at Colon to the new pedestal erected in the swamp near where it is supposed will be the entrance to the Chagres Canal. Would it not be much better to delay the removal until the day upon which the great work uniting the two oceans shall be actually begun? The ceremony would then have the solemnity of an act of inauguration—besides, in that event, there would be no fear that this "pearl of Europe as art" would be consigned to the damp obscurity of a malarial mangrove swamp, where it would never be visited, except by the sallimans, congrejos, culebras, and other pleasing original denizens of the jungle.

"According to our New-York correspondence the authorities in Washington have been completely misled as to the extent of the coaling station business has been regarded on the isthmus. The commanders of the Kearsarge and the Adams have received no assistance from local authorities in prosecuting their work, nor did they ask for or obtain permission to engage in the survey and other labors of the expedition, either from general, State, or local authorities. In Costa Rica the visit of the Adams has occasioned a sensation, and as its object is supposed to be general feeling of the people, President Jiménez Guardia has taken the necessary steps to convey to the United States his sense of the wrong which is apparently contemplated. In our issue of the 5th we stated verbatim the orders of the Colombian Government to its officers here, and we take it for granted that President Cerrera has officially communicated them to the United States Consul at Aspinwall and Panama, to the United States Minister, who was on the isthmus the day they were made public in the *Star and Herald,* and to the commanders of the Kearsarge and Adams, who are the sole representatives of the United States have been duly advised, as should have been the case, of the action of the Colombian Government in this matter, the authorities at Washington will have received the evidence of composition they seem to require in order to induce them to recall their ships from the waters of Colombia."

The dealers in counterfeit coins and bills are active on all sides. Within a few days in Panama a considerable amount of spurious gold coin has been put in circulation. Five and ten dollar pieces, United States gold, French twenty-franc pieces, and Spanish five-dollar pieces (Isabellas) have been passed upon the community. They are of platinum, thinly gilt, but have all the appearance of the genuine article, being of good weight and nicely milled. The fraud is easily detected, as the gilt may be removed by rubbing, leaving the white base of platinum exposed. Counterfeit Peruvian soles have also been introduced, which, it is supposed, have been brought from New-York. The counterfeit gold referred to, it is believed, was manufactured in Germany, and reached this place by way of Central America.

CRIME AND CRIMINALS.

MURDERS IN MASSACHUSETTS—A DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED.

BOSTON, May 23.—Walter Smith, about 15 years old, was found last night, at Somerville, in the rear of Somerville Park, shot through the body and with the skull fractured. He was first discovered by two young men who were crossing the park, and was then breathing, but he expired in a few moments. To-day Charles F. Williams, a companion of the deceased, 18 years old, was arrested for the murder. Considerable mystery surrounds the affair, as no motive for the crime is apparent, unless it be that deceased had recently relinquished the friendship of Williams, who is employed in a grain store on State-street, in this city. He is the son of Joseph P. Williams, a respectable citizen, and has always borne an excellent character. Smith had been assailed by Williams, and was retreating, when the latter fired upon him with a revolver. One or two shots took effect, and he fell forward, fracturing the skull. He was the son of Joseph Smith, of the bark Jennie R. Diverty, which is now on the way to Boston from the coast of Africa. Williams will be arraigned tomorrow.

BALTIMORE, May 23.—Guy Hamilton has commuted the sentence of Frank Brooden, (colored,) convicted of the murder of his mistress, and sentenced to be hanged, to imprisonment for life in the Penitentiary.

PROVIDENCE, May 23.—Patrick Noonan, 20 years of age, was fatally shot at Valley Falls, about 1:30 o'clock this morning. He was carousing with John Riley and Patrick Forbes, alias P. Donnell. Forbes, who is believed to have done the shooting, escaped. Riley is under arrest, but refuses to make any explanation.

FALL RIVER, Mass., May 23.—The body of William B. Eaton, of Roxbury, was found near Steep Brook yesterday, badly disfigured, and with evidences of having been dead some time. An investigation leads to the impression that the deceased was robbed and murdered.

PRINCE LEOPOLD ARRIVES AT QUEBEC.

QUEBEC, May 23.—Prince Leopold arrived by the Sardinian this afternoon. He was attended by Col. McNeill, Equerry to the Queen; the Hon. A. Yorke, R. H. Collins, Dr. Boyle, and Lord Elphinstone. When the steamer rounded the point, Princess Louise and the Governor-General, accompanied by Col. D. E. Winton, drove from the Citadel, escorted by a detachment of the Queen's Own Canadian Hussars, to Queen's Wharf, where B Battery was drawn up as a guard of honor, with a band, under Col. Montesambert. The staff present on the wharf included Sir Edward Selby Smythe, Col. Duchesnay, D. A. G.; Col. Strange, commandant; Capt. Smith, Major Forrest, Col. Colfer, &c. The Governor-General and the Princess Louise embarked on the steam-yacht Delphin, and boarded the Sardinian, being received at the gangway by Capt. Dutton. On meeting the Prince, his sister kissed him fondly. The united party crossed in the steam-yacht to Quebec, when a royal salute was fired, after which they drove to the Citadel. The Lieutenant-Governor and some of his Ministers, also the Mayor and the Councillors, were present on the wharf, but no reception or presentation took place other than that the Princess Louise introduced the Lieutenant-Governor formally to Prince Leopold.

THE RECORD OF ACCIDENTS.

PROVIDENCE, May 23.—John Kenney was drowned this morning while bathing in Benedict Pond.

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, May 23.—A Mennonite settler named Job Ennis, was killed by lightning in his own house yesterday, his wife receiving such a shock that she expired to-day. The other inmates escaped. The house was ignited by the lightning and destroyed.

TRENTON, May 23.—Charles Swartz, a mason, about 35 years of age, was drowned in the basin of the Trenton Iron Company, in this city, this evening, while bathing.

POMEROY, Mo., May 23.—The house of Joseph Nutter, at Newfield, was struck by lightning on Thursday night last, severely injuring Mr. Nutter and his wife. The barn was also struck and a pair of valuable horses killed.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 23.—It is reported that the excursion train from this city to Santa Cruz, on the narrow-gauge road, went through the trestle at Santa Cruz this evening, and that 19 persons were killed and 30 wounded. No particulars are to hand.

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia, May 23.—Samuel Fry, a resident of Brooklyn, Newfoundland, was pulling his three children, two boys and a girl, on a sled across the river to school, when the sled broke through and all of the children were drowned.

The Rev. Thomas Croft, of St. Andrews, Colchester County, on Friday last, while standing near a man who was driving a fence-stake, was struck in the abdomen by the axe, which flew off the handle, and died to-day.

THE RELIGIOUS COUNCILS.

PETERSBURG, May 23.—The delegates to the Episcopal Council of Virginia, which has been in session here for the past week, filed the pulpits of the different churches in this city and suburbs today. At night the Right Rev. F. M. Whittle, Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia, delivered an address to the Council at St. Paul's Church, before one of the largest audiences that has ever assembled within the building.

PHILADELPHIA, May 23.—The first Provincial Council of the Province of Philadelphia, embracing all the dioceses in this State, was opened to-day at the cathedral, the Most Rev. Archbishop Wood celebrating the mass of the Holy Ghost, and Bishop Shanahan, of Harrisburg, preaching the sermon, of which the theme was "No Christianity Outside of the Church." Bishops Twigg, of Pittsburg; O'Hara, of Scranton, and Mullen, of Erie, are the other suffragans. The ceremonies were magnificent.

THREE BOY MURDERERS.

THE SLAYERS OF MELANOTHON WASHER TO BE PLACED ON TRIAL AT NEWTON, N. J., TO-DAY.

NEWTON, N. J., May 23.—The boys Michael Kane, Clarence Campbell, and John Clark, who murdered Melanothon Washer here in February last, will be brought to trial to-morrow. Able counsel have been assigned the prisoners, and Lewis Cochrane, the State's Attorney, will conduct the prosecution. There is little to be said in mitigation of the crime, except in behalf of Isaac Clark, the son of a poor but respectable widow, who does not appear to have participated in the attack on the murdered man, but was in company with the other two boys when the fatal blow was struck. The circumstances of the crime, briefly stated, are as follows: Melanothon Washer, a young farmer of Sparta, respectably connected, and generally well-disposed, came to Newton with his brother, and was induced to drink a glass of whisky, which turned his head and led to a spree, which in turn was followed by worse excesses in company with a disreputable female named Amanda Snover. On the street they were met by the boys named above, who evinced jealousy at his association with the repulsive creature, with whom they had intimate relations. Angry words led to a fight between one of the Washers and Mickey, in which the boy was driven off. Collecting his companions, they followed Washer and the woman, and when they reached a dark spot one of them threw a stone, which fractured Washer's skull. He died three or four days later, and a Coroner's jury rendered a verdict of willful murder against all three of the boys. Campbell is believed to be the one who threw the stone. Clark had been more of a spectator than a participant, and will be used as a witness by the State against the others. The female is not under arrest, but will probably appear to testify against the prisoners.

THE WEATHER INDICATIONS.

WASHINGTON, May 24—1 A. M.—*For the Middle Atlantic States, stationary, followed by falling, barometer, warmer southerly winds, partly cloudy weather, with occasional local rain, followed by clearing weather.*

For New-England, falling barometer, warmer southerly winds, and partly cloudy weather.

For the Pacific coast region, clear or partly cloudy weather in the southern portion, partly cloudy or cloudy, with occasional rain, in the northern portion.

For the South Atlantic States, nearly stationary barometer and temperature, southerly winds, clear or partly cloudy weather.

For the Gulf States, stationary or falling barometer, stationary or higher temperature, southerly winds, and clear or partly cloudy weather.

For Tennessee and the Ohio Valley, falling barometer, warmer south-east and south-west winds, clear or partly cloudy weather.

For the Lower Missouri Valley, rising barometer, cooler northerly winds, clearing weather, possibly preceded in the southern portion by local rains.

For the Upper Mississippi Valley, falling, followed by rising, barometer, southerly, veering to cooler north to west, winds, partly cloudy weather, and local rains.

For the upper lake region, falling, followed by stationary or rising barometer, stationary or rising, followed by lower temperature, cloudy weather, with rain, south-easterly, veering to south or west, winds.

For the lower lake region, falling barometer, warmer southerly winds, increasing cloudiness, and local rains.

The rivers will remain nearly stationary.

The following record shows the changes in the temperature for the past 24 hours, in comparison with the corresponding date of last year, as indicated by the thermometer at Hudnut's pharmacy:

	1879.	1880.		1879.	1880.
5 A. M.	54°	69°	3:30 P. M.	67°	80°
6 A. M.	55°	68°	6 P. M.	62°	72°
9 A. M.	58°	72°	9 P. M.	55°	72°
12 M.	60°	74°	12 P. M.	55°	67°

Average temperature yesterday.....69½°
Average temperature for same date last year.....57½°

LOSSES BY FIRE.

About 9 o'clock Saturday night a fire started in the United States Hotel, at Edenburg, Clarion County, Penn., and destroyed 70 buildings before it was subdued. A dispatch to the Pittsburg *Commercial Gazette* says: "About 9 o'clock last evening flames were discovered issuing from the windows of the United States Hotel, an unoccupied building on Railroad-street, which soon spread to adjoining houses, and before a drop of water was thrown on a building over 50 houses were in flames. From Railroad-street to Main the conflagration rolled on, wrapping in its heated folds everything of an inflammable nature that stood in the way. From Main-street to Penn-avenue and down the latter thoroughfare the fire swept, destroying in all 70 buildings, among which are the Post Office, Clarion County Bank, Brown's Hotel, the United States Hotel, and the United Pipe Line offices. The loss will aggregate $150,000, on which there is little or no insurance. Over 100 families are homeless, and many who kept the comfortable beds the previous night slept upon the ground last night.

A fire of unknown origin broke out late Saturday night in the one-story frame building No. 315 North Seventh-street, Brooklyn, E. D., occupied by James Hennessy as a rag shop. The building was owned by Jamison and Hall, stock $3,000; insured. Hennessy also lost a horse valued at $300; insured for $100. The fire extended to No. 313, a three-story frame house, owned by James Breslin, where it caused $300 damage to the building and about $400 to the furniture. James Young's two-story frame dwelling in the rear, No. 209 Union-avenue, was also damaged about $500, and its furniture $175.

A fire was discovered in William Drake's residence on High-street, Newton, N. J., at 11 o'clock Saturday night. The entire building and its contents were destroyed by midnight. A steamer saved the adjoining buildings and the court-house. Charles Roe's law office, Mr. M. Woodruff's law office, and Stelle's ice-cream saloon were slightly damaged. Mrs. Aaron Roy occupied the burned building. The total loss on furniture and house is $2,000; insured for $1,000 in a local company. The fire was of incendiary origin.

James McInnes's flour mill, at Parkhill, Ontario, together with a large quantity of flour, wheat, oats, and oat-meal, was burned yesterday morning. Loss about $25,000; insured in the Mercantile for $4,000, Waterloo Mutual for $4,000, and in the Gore District for $3,000.

SUSPICIOUS STABBING CASE.

At a late hour last night, a man who first gave his name as James Brady, but subsequently changed it to Peter McCauley, entered the Eldridge-Street Police Station and exhibited a wound in the right wrist. He stated to Sergt. Grannemann he had been stabbed by a stranger during

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE—MAY 22.

SALES to 3 p. m.

N. Y. L. E. & W.	100	N. Y. L. E. & W.	100
New 2d mortg.	100		100
200,000	80¾	200	80¾
10,000	80¾	200	80¾
40,000	80¾	200	80¾
N. Y. L. E. & W.	100	N. Y. C. & Hud.	100
new 2d mortg.	100	100	74½
10,000	80¾	Del. Lack. & West.	100
Chi. & Alton s. f.	100	C. C. C. & I.	100
1,000	101¼		100
1,000	101¼		100
Int. & G. N. mortg.	100		100
2,000	61		100
1,000	101¼	Lake Shore	100
1,000	101¼		100
2,000	101¼		100
Hous. & Tex. N. Bd.	100		100
Pur. Com. Rec.	100	Union Pacific	100
5,000	98		98½
Toledo & Wab. 1st	100	Central of N. J.	100
3,000	111	600	30¼
N. K. & T. con. s.	100	200	31¼
5,000	101¼	200	31¼
1,000	101¼	100	31¼
2,000	101	300	31¼
Mo. Kan. & T. Bd.	100	200	31
5,000	88 55/8	Chic. & Ohio	100
10,000	85¼	Michigan Central	100
Gt. West. 1st	86	500	78½
10,000	100	North-western	100
Amer. Ex. Bank	100	100	81
8	118	300	91¼
Adams Express	100	100	91¼
8	132	100	91¼
American Ex.	100	100	91
160	50	St. Paul	100
10	84	100	79½
Ontario Silver	400	100	79½
60	27¼	100	79½
100	27¼	100	St. L. & Iron Mt.
Cen. Arizona Min.	100	100	50
600	8¾	100	50
600	8¾	100	50
Sutro Tunnel	100	100	50
500	18	Wab. St. L. & Pac.	100
Delaware & Hud.	100	100	11¼
100	80¾	100	11¼
100	80¾	100	11¼
100	80¾	100	11¼
300	70¼	100	11¼
Western Union	100	Morris & Essex	100
1000	99¾	100	74
100	99¾	Boston Air L. Bd.	100
100	99¾	100	70
200	99¾	100	70
100	99¾	100	70
Pacific Mail	100	Ohio & Miss.	100
100	21¼	Kansas & Texas	100
400	21¼	100	28¾
100	21¼	100	28¾
100	21¼	Northern Pacific	Ohio & Miss. pf.
Illinois Central	100	100	70
100	109¼	100	70

MONDAY, May 24—A. M.

The weekly statement of the associated banks, issued from the Clearing-house on Saturday last, showed the banks to be in a very healthy condition, the loan and deposit averages being largely decreased, and the legal tenders materially increased. The changes in the various items, were a gain in legal tenders of $2,440,200 and in specie of $853,900, and a decrease in loans of $6,323,400; in deposits of $9,750,200, and in circulation of $194,400. The movement for the week results in an increase of $8,681,650 in surplus reserve, and the banks now hold $19,919,075 in excess of legal requirements.

The following shows the condition of the City banks this week, compared with the previous statement and with the statement for the corresponding week last year:

	May 15.	May 22.	May 24, 1879.
Loans	$379,814,300	$373,491,000	$237,638,600
Specie	46,833,100	47,686,900	41,250,200
Legal tenders	19,528,300	21,968,500	43,234,900
Deposits	281,075,900	258,325,700	237,248,900
Circulation	30,804,900	30,610,500	18,856,100

The following shows the relation between the total reserve and total liabilities of the banks:

Specie	$46,833,100	$47,686,900	$41,250,200
Legal tenders	19,528,300	21,968,500	43,234,900
Total reserve	$66,361,400	$69,655,400	$84,485,100
Reserve required ag'nst deposits	66,268,975	64,581,425	59,312,225
Excess of reserve above legal requirements	10,238,925	15,919,975	Inc. 25,172,875

The Money market worked smoothly throughout the week, and business on call, on pledge of acceptable stock collateral, found ready accommodation, at low rates of interest. The wants of the Clearing-house banks were supplied at 3@3½ ⅌ cent. It is doubtful now if the demand for the money situation will be characterized by ease for some months to come. In the discount market, prime mercantile paper was quoted at 5@5½ ⅌ cent.

The foreign advices reported British Consols at London ¼ ⅌ cent. lower on the week's transactions. United States Government bonds were strong, new 4s showing an advance of ⅛, 4½s of ¼, and 5s of ¼ ⅌ cent. American railway securities were all weak and lower in sympathy with the speculation on the New-York Stock Exchange. Reading declined 12¾, New-Jersey Central stock, 7; New-York Central, 4¾; Atlantic and Great Western Firsts, 4; Erie consolidated Seconds, 3¼; Pacific Mail, 3¼; Atlantic and Great Western Seconds and Illinois Central, 2; Erie consolidated Fours, 1½, and do. funded 5s, 1. ⅌ cent. French Rentes declined from 85f. 37½c. to 85f. 25c. During the fortnight ending on Wednesday last, the Bank of England lost £775,000 in bullion, and the proportion of the bank's reserve to liabilities, which last week was 48 ⅌ cent., is now 49 9-16 ⅌ cent. The Directors of the Bank of England made no change in the rate of discount, which remains 3 ⅌ cent. The weekly statement of the Bank of France showed an increase in specie of 3,738,000f.

In the Sterling Exchange market, the nominal asking quotations have not been changed during the week, and closed, as they opened, at $4 86¼ for 60 days and $4 88½ for demand. The volume of business was of considerable magnitude, and transactions were effected at gradually increasing rates, so that in the final dealings only very slight concessions were made from the posted figures. The supply of commercial bills, although quite liberal, is yet not sufficient to meet the present demand for remittances and settlements, which have been very large, and are likely to continue so until the middle of June. The foreign agencies are again exercised over the question of taxation, and are disinclined to transact any business that can be avoided, pending the discussion on the Tax bill at Albany. The probable shipment of gold in the near future is a topic of much discussion in financial circles, and it is predicted that such shipments will be made in the near future. We are inclined to the belief, however, that if any shipments be made at all, they will not be large, nor will they continue for any length of time.

The Government bond market was extremely quiet during the week, but presented a decidedly firm tone, and the closing quotations showed an advance, ranging from ¼ to ⅝ ⅌ cent., on the week's transactions. Railroad bonds were active but irregular, with the general tendency toward a lower range of prices. Erie consolidated seconds, the Kansas and Texas issues, Boston, Hartford and Erie Firsts, and the Iron Mountain preferred incomes, were most prominent in the transactions. The most important change during the week was a decline of 4½ in Texas Pacific incomes, 4 in Peoria, Decatur and Evansville incomes and Mobile and Ohio second debentures, 2¾ in New-Jersey Central Firsts consolidated assented, 2 in Iron Mountain first preferred incomes, 1¾ in St. Paul and Minneapolis incomes, 1¾ in Boston, Hartford and Erie Firsts, 1¼ in Lake Erie and Western incomes and Lake Shore consolidated coupon Firsts, 1¼ in Kansas and Texas Firsts, and 1¼ ⅌ cent. in Erie consolidated Seconds and Ohio and Mississippi Seconds, and an advance of 2¼ in Great Western Firsts, 2 in Keokuk and Des Moines Firsts, 1¾ in Iowa Central Firsts, and 1¼ ⅌ cent. in Mobile and Ohio third debentures. State bonds were dull and without any feature of interest.

Speculation on the Stock Exchange was characterized early in the week by a tone of depression, and, under the adroit manipulation of the bear element, prices fell off sharply. The decline brought in good buyers, whose purchases quickly imparted strength to the market, and resulted in an advance ranging from 1 to 15 ⅌ cent. in the entire list, with scarcely a single exception, participating in the improvement. The advance was well maintained until Friday, when dispatches from Philadelphia, announcing that the Reading Railroad Company was unable to meet its financial obligations, caused a serious break in the stock of that corporation, and the, of course, exercised an adverse influence on the entire list, more particularly the other coal shares. The decline, however, in the general market was comparatively slight, and this fact was generally commented upon, as affording seeming evidence that many of the leading shares are now held by strong parties, who possess both the ability and inclination to sustain them. It is proper to state that the failure of the Reading Railroad Company affords no index by which to judge of the condition of the other anthracite properties, all of which, judging from the most reliable information attainable, are doing excellently well, and steadily augmenting toward a dividend-paying basis. The heaviest transactions throughout the week were in Erie, Pacific Mail, the Vanderbilt shares, and the coal stocks. The general market was fairly steady in the final dealings.

The transactions at the Stock Exchange for the past week aggregated 2,918,303 shares, against 2,702,609 shares last week, and 2,945,[illegible] shares for the week ending May 8.

COURSE OF THE MARKET—THE WEEK.

	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing Bid.
United States 4s, 1907, coupon	107¾	107¾	107¾
United States 4½s, 1891, coupon	109¾	109¾	109¾
United States 5s, 1881, coupon	100½	100	100
Alaska mining	5	4½	4½
Allegheny Coal	34	34¼	34
Allegheny Mining	5		4½
Allen and Lyons Blake pref.	27¾	27¾	27¾

	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing Bid.	Closing Asked.
Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph	8¾	8¼	8¼	8¾
American Dist. Telegraph	67	67	67	68
American Cotton Oil Trust	32	31	31	32
A. G. A. and Northern	40	40	40	50
Canton				40
Canton, preferred	68	68	68	68
Central Arizona	3¾	3¼	3¼	4
Chicago, St. Louis & New-Orleans	30	28½	28½	31½
C. C. C. and Ind.	70¾	68	68	71½
Cleveland and Pittsburg	117			118
Chesapeake and Ohio 2d pref.	12	11	11	12
Chesapeake and Ohio 3d pref.	18	17¼	17¼	18
Chicago, Burlington and Quincy	120	117	119¾	120
Chicago and Alton	107	107	107	108½
Chicago and Alton pref.				112
Chicago, St. Paul and Minn.	45¼	41	41	45¼
Chicago and North-west	91¼	89	89¼	91
Chicago and Northwest pref.	103	102¾	102¾	103½
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul	73¾	69	69¾	73¾
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul pf.	100¾	99¾	99¾	100¾
Chicago, R. I. and Pacific	110	109¾	109¾	110
Del., Lack. and Western	75¾	73¾	74¾	74¾
Denver and Rio Grande	15¾	15¼	15¼	15¾
Hannibal and St. Joseph	35¾	34¾	34¾	35¾
Hannibal and St. Joseph pref.	69	67¾	68¾	69¾
Consolidated Coal			29	30
Delaware, Lackawanna & West.	97¾	95¾	95¾	97¾
Delaware and Hudson Canal	79¾	78¾	78¾	79¾
Excelsior Mining	12	12	12	
Hannibal and St. Joseph	35¾	34¾	34¾	35¾
Hannibal and St. Joseph pref.	69¾	68¾	68¾	69¾
Harlem				180
Homestake Mining				45¾
Illinois and Texas	93	92¾	92¾	93
Illinois Central	110	109	109	110¼
Ind., Bloomington and West	20¾	20¾	20¾	
Canada Southern	50	49	49	50
Lake Erie and Western	21¾	21	21	21¾
Lake Shore	100¾	101¾	101¾	101¾
Lake Erie and Western pref.	87	86	86	87
Louisville and Nashville	123	122	122¾	123
Little Pittsburg			6¾	7
Manhattan Elevated	87	86¾	87	87¾
Mobile and Ohio			24	25
Metropolitan Railroad	90	90	95	99½
Michigan Central	78¾	77	78¾	78¾
Mobile and Ohio	14	13	14	15
Missouri, Kan. and Tex.	30¾	30	30¾	30¾
Morris and Essex	108	104½	108	107
Mo., Kan. and St. Louis	68	66¾	66¾	68
New Central Coal			2	3
New-Jersey Central	62¾	60¾	62¾	62¾
New-York Central	135	132	132¾	135¼
New-York Elevated	114¾	114¾	114¾	115
N. Y., L. E. and W.	30¾	29	29¾	30¾
N. Y., L. E. and W. pref.	81¾	80¾	81	81¾
Northern Pacific	41¾	41¼	41¼	41¾
Northern Pacific pref.	73	71¾	73	73¾
Ohio and Mississippi	29¾	28	28¾	29
Ohio and Mississippi pref.	70		69¾	70
Ontario Mining				25¾
Oregon R. & Navigation	108	108		
Oregon Short Line	51¾	50¾	51¾	51¾
Philadelphia and Read.	35	30¾	30¾	30¾
Quicksilver			13	13¾
Quicksilver pref.	65	63	63	65
Standard Mining	29	29	27¾	29
Sutro Tunnel	1¾	1¾	1¾	2
St. Louis and A. T.	32	32	31¾	32
St. Louis and S. F. pref.	43	42¾	42¾	43
St. Louis and A. T. 1st pref.	69¾	69¾	69	69
St. Louis and Iron Mt.	42¾	42	42¾	41
St. Paul and Kansas City	30¾	30	30	30¾
St. Paul and S. City pref.				75
St. Louis, Alt. and T.	27	26	27¾	27
St. Louis, Alt. and T. pref.	80	80	80¾	80
Wabash, St. L. and P.	20	19¾	19¾	20
Wabash, St. L. and P. pref.	37¾	36¾	37¾	37¾
Wells-Fargo Express			105	105¾
Western Union Tel.	104¾	104	104¾	104¾
United States Express			46¾	47¾

The following is the weekly Clearing-house statement, with comparisons:

Clearings for the week ending May 22	$756,515,231
Balances for the week ending May 22	50,745,804
Clearings for the week ending May 15	867,636,949
Balances for the week ending May 15	57,426,754
Clearings for the week ending May 8	790,386,357
Balances for the week ending May 8	51,784,548
Clearings for the week ending May 1	697,145,061
Balances for the week ending May 1	46,262,449
Clearings for the week ending April 24	730,047,846
Balances for the week ending April 24	49,527,607

The following are the returns of the foreign commerce of the port of New-York for the week ending Saturday last and since the beginning of the year, compared with the returns for the corresponding period last year.

Imports of Dry Goods and General Merchandise.

Week ending last Saturday	$11,679,099
Corresponding week last year	8,547,038
Since Jan. 1	201,769,467
Corresponding period last year	190,854,899

Exports of Domestic Produce.

Week ending last Saturday	$9,171,858
Corresponding week last year	6,905,509
Since Jan. 1	138,800,045
Corresponding period last year	118,496,305

Imports of Gold and Silver.

Week ending last Saturday	$117,824
Corresponding week last year	2,000,000
Since Jan. 1	3,683,923
Corresponding period last year	4,001,090

Receipts for Customs.

Week ending last Saturday	$2,279,645
Corresponding week last year	2,027,776
Since Jan. 1 this year	39,045,145
Corresponding period last year	40,650,770

Gold Interest Paid Out by the Treasury.

Week ending last Saturday	$465,228
Corresponding week last year	364,532
Since Jan. 1 this year	28,118,129
Corresponding period last year	25,041,658

The *Commercial and Financial Chronicle*, in its issue of Saturday last, publishes the following table of railroad earnings:

	Latest Earnings Reported. Week or Month.	1880.	1879.
Ala. Gt. Southern	April	$45,244	$23,404
Albany and Susq.	March	117,926	94,130
Atch., Top. & S. Fe	4th w'k April	178,000	128,000
At. V. Air Line	March	78,011	74,511
Atl. & Gt. Western	March	438,841	341,864
Atl., Miss. & Ohio	March	178,420	139,905
Burl. & No.	2d w'k May	80,000	74,000
Burl. & Mo. R. in Neb.	2d w'k April	15,122	10,821
Cairo & St. Louis	April	31,628	19,977
Canada Southern	March	409,112	303,979
Carolina Central	March	27,248	24,387
Central Pacific	April	1,274,000	1,046,000
Ches. & Ohio	April	221,400	159,011
Chicago & Alton	2d w'k May	84,300	108,088
Chic., Burl. & Q.	March	1,459,611	1,071,792
Chic., Cl., Cin. and Ind.	2d w'k April	16,888	8,175
Chic., Mil. & St. P.	2d w'k May	239,000	215,000
Chic., Mil. and St. P.	2d w'k May	229,000	188,000
Chic. & North-west	April	1,276,263	1,127,202
Chic., R. I. & Pac.	2d w'k May	86,779	81,768
Chic., St. L. & Pitts.	4th w'k April	32,767	25,583
Cin., Sand. & Cley.	March	24,824	17,822
Cin. & Springfield	2d w'k May	14,397	13,922
Clev., Col., Cin. & Ind.	4th w'k April	87,000	75,000
Clev., Mt. V. & Dan.	April	35,404	31,329
Col., H.V. & Tol. Div.	March	32,847	108,099
Denver & R. Grande	2d w'k May	41,700	
Det., Lans. & No.	1st w'k May	20,000	24,000
Dubuque & S. City	1st w'k May	14,107	14,327
Eliz., Lex. & B. S.	March	234,000	188,304
Flint & Pere Marq.	2d w'k May	38,981	30,389
Gal. Har. & San A.	March	31,091	106,819
Grand Trunk	Week ending May 15	370,423	349,466
Great Western	4th w'k May 7	37,411	34,511
Hannibal & St. Jo.	2d w'k May	41,888	38,811
Hous. & Texas	March	231,745	219,040
Illinois Central (Ill.)	April	488,145	417,000
Illinois Cen. (Iowa)	April	117,920	114,320
Indianap., B. & W.	2d w'k May	31,000	30,000
Int. & Great North	2d w'k May	48,000	46,000
Iowa Central	March	53,333	44,000
J. C., Ft. S. & Gulf	4th w'k April	20,000	18,907
Kans. C., L. & S.	4th w'k April	12,422	9,070
Lake Erie & W.	2d w'k March	46,000	36,000
Little Rock & Ft. S.	2d w'k May	7,700	4,140
Louisv. & Nashv.	2d w'k May	184,000	84,000
Louisv., New Alb. & C.	March	105,189	84,000
Maine Central	March	141,600	127,000
Minn. & St. Louis	1st w'k May	3,822	7,164
Mo., Kan. & Texas	2d w'k May	68,000	65,000
Mobile & Ohio	2d w'k May	88,000	85,174
Nashv., Ch. & St. L.	February	191,170	164,014
N. J. & Canada	March	25,477	24,185
N. Y. Central & Hud.	April	3,709,[illegible]	3,[illegible]
N. Y., L. E. & W.	March	1,[illegible]	1,[illegible]
N. Y. & New-England	March	188,[illegible]	151,[illegible]
N. Y., Ont. & West.	2d w'k May	[illegible]	[illegible]
Northern Central	March	415,[illegible]	384,[illegible]
Ogd. & L. Champ.	April	185,[illegible]	113,[illegible]
Pad. & Elizabeth	2d w'k May	6,[illegible]	13,[illegible]
Pad. & Memphis	2d w'k April	10,[illegible]	7,[illegible]
Pennsylvania R.	March	3,[illegible]	3,[illegible]
Philad. & Erie	4th w'k March	[illegible]	[illegible]
Philad. & Reading	March	887,[illegible]	811,[illegible]
Pitts. & Connell.	March	1,[illegible]	[illegible]
Rich. & Danville	March	1,[illegible]	[illegible]
Rich., F. & Pot.	March	19,[illegible]	8,[illegible]
Rich., Y. & C. Val.	March	19,[illegible]	8,[illegible]
Rome, W. & Ogd.	March	1[illegible]	[illegible]
St. L., K. C. & N.	2d w'k May	1[illegible]	[illegible]
St. L., A. & T. H.	2d w'k May	1[illegible]	[illegible]
St. L. & S. F.	2d w'k May	1[illegible]	[illegible]
St. L. & San Fran.	2d w'k May	1[illegible]	[illegible]
St. Paul & Duluth	2d w'k May	1[illegible]	[illegible]
St. Paul & Pacific	2d w'k May	1[illegible]	[illegible]
St. Paul & City	2d w'k May	1[illegible]	[illegible]
Scioto Valley	2d w'k May	1[illegible]	[illegible]
Texas & Pacific	April	1[illegible]	[illegible]
Tol., Peoria & War.	2d w'k May	1[illegible]	[illegible]
Union Pacific	1st w'k May	1[illegible]	[illegible]
Wab., St. L. & Pac.	2d w'k May	1[illegible]	[illegible]
Wabash	2d w'k May	1[illegible]	[illegible]
Wisconsin Cent.	2d w'k April	1[illegible]	[illegible]
Wisconsin Valley	4th w'k April	6,711	4,[illegible]

CLOSING BOSTON PRICES.

BOSTON, Mass., May 22.—The following are the closing prices at the Boston Stock Exchange to-day:

Water Power	1¾	Eastern R. R.	27¾
Boston Land	3¼	Pueblo & Arg. Valley	25
Atch. & Top. 1st Pf.	112	Calumet & Hecla	300
Atch. & Top. 2d Pf.	75	Copper Falls	5
Atch. & Top. Ad.	120	Duncan Silver	1
Atch. & Top. L. Gr.	19	Franklin	22
Flint & Pere Marq.	29¾	International	27¾
Hartford & Erie Pf.	20¾	Dewable (new stock)	11¼
Atch. & Pueblo R. R.	120	Quincy	127
Boston & Albany R. R.	130	Silver Islet	1
Boston & Maine R. R.	125¾	Maddock Copper Mine	1
Bur. & No. in Neb.	15¾	Allouez Mining Co., n.	1¾
Chi., Q., Dub. & Minn.	71		
Chi., San. & Clev.	1¾		

COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

NEW-YORK, Saturday, May 22, 1880.

The receipts of the principal kinds of Produce since our last have been as follows:

Ashes, pkts.	6	Spirits Turp., bbls.	405
Beans, bbls.	14	Rosin, bbls.	1,000
Beans, bags.	1,000	Tobacco, hhds.	1,[illegible]
Beef, tcs.	2,[illegible]	Tobacco, pkgs.	1,[illegible]
Flour, bbls.	12,044	Beef, pkgs.	1,[illegible]
Corn-meal, bbls.	1,[illegible]	Provisions, pkgs.	1,[illegible]
Corn-meal, bags.	200	Lard, tcs.	1,[illegible]
Wheat, bushels	126,000	Lard, kegs.	1,[illegible]
Rye, bushels	1,000	Butter, pkgs.	4,[illegible]
Oats, bushels	50,000	Cheese, pkgs.	4,[illegible]
Barley, bushels	17,100	Rice, tcs.	180
Malt, bushels	6,400	Starch, pkgs.	1,[illegible]
Peas, bushels	3,400	Stearine, pkgs.	40
Grease, pkgs.	115	Tallow, pkgs.	450
Grass-seed, bags.	43	Tobacco, hhds.	1[illegible]
Hides, bales	19	Tobacco, pkgs.	1[illegible]
Hops, bales	85	Whisky, hhds.	1[illegible]
Lead, pigs.	1,010	Wool, bales.	1[illegible]
Leather, sides	10,000		

COFFEE—Rio in moderate request, and quoted firm, with fair cargoes at 14½c.; sales reported of 2,441 bags, by the Known Prize Frederick Wilhelm, on private terms; 1,000 bags Rio in bond sold at 12½c. Other kinds quiet but steady.

COTTON—Spot cotton continues to be a comparatively limited aggregate, but indicative of an improvement of about ¼ points. Early deliveries attracted some attention, and quotations for the month before. Sales have been reported for prompt delivery of 3,417 bales, including 617 bales to spinners and 1,000 bales to shippers; for future delivery, 64,400 bales, including 11,[illegible]c.; Strict Low Middling at 11[illegible]@11[illegible]c.; Middling at 11 13-16c. and 11 15-16c. Total sales of 67,817 bales. And for forward delivery, sales have been reported to-day of 71,900 bales, basis of Middling. Exports from all the shipping ports thus far since Sept. 1, 2,198,[illegible] bales to Great Britain and 1,149,356 bales to the Continent, 1,810,866 bales to Great Britain and 1,[illegible] bales to the Continent, same time in the previous Commercial year.

Option Sales To-day.

Month.	Sales.	Price.
May	300	11.[illegible]@11.[illegible]
June	1,[illegible]	11.[illegible]@11.[illegible]
July	62,[illegible]	11.[illegible]@11.[illegible]
August	2,[illegible]	11.[illegible]@11.[illegible]
September	1,[illegible]	11.[illegible]@11.[illegible]
October	1,[illegible]	10.[illegible]@10.[illegible]
November	1,[illegible]	10.[illegible]@10.[illegible]
December	1,[illegible]	10.[illegible]@10.[illegible]
January	[illegible]	[illegible]

Closing Prices on Options.

Month.	Yesterday.	To-day.
May	11.[illegible]	11.[illegible]
June	11.[illegible]	11.[illegible]
July	11.[illegible]	11.[illegible]
August	11.[illegible]	11.[illegible]
September	11.[illegible]	11.[illegible]
October	10.[illegible]	10.[illegible]
November	10.[illegible]	10.[illegible]
December	10.[illegible]	10.[illegible]

Yesterday's Averages on Options.

June	11.67	October	10.70
July	11.74	November	10.81
August	11.[illegible]	December	10.81
September	11.19		

FLOUR AND MEAL—State and Western Flour has been moderately dealt in, as a rule, though prices, for Western, have been forced up a little, and has again yielded 10c.@15c. ⅌ bbl., leading to a freer movement. The trade and consumers have been reported the only buyers of 14,650 bbls. of all grades, included in the reported sales were 1,600 bbls. low Extras, for shipment, within the range of $4 40@$4 70, mostly at $4 50@$4 60 for fair to fancy, mainly at $4 55@$4 60 for fair ordinary to good; 1,100 bbls. City Mill Extras, including West India grades, from $4 75@$5 25, mostly at $5 00@$5 25 for fair to choice; and South American brands quoted at $5@$6 25, the latter for fancy, and poor to strictly choice English brands at $4 85@$4 90. For Southern flour there was a fair demand, at $4 50@$6 25 for very inferior to very choice, mainly at $4 75@$5 25 for fair to good, and $5 50@$6 25 for fancy. Rye flour is firm, at $4 25@$4 50 for fair to choice. Corn-meal is steady, at $2 60@$3 25 for poor to choice Winter and Western, and $3 75@$3 90 for poor to choice Winter; 600 bbls. choice Ohio and Indiana sold at $3 50; and 500 bbls. Brandywine at $3 75. Wheat-flour is quiet, and quoted at $3 25@$3 75 for poor to choice Winter extras, and $3 75@$5 50 for poor to choice Winter extra patents, mostly at $4 50@$5 25; Minnesota extra at $3 75@$4 75; Southern flour quiet and weak, and irregular as to price; 450 bbls. were reported sold at $4 50@$5 25, mostly at $4 50@$4 75 for fair to fancy. RYE FLOUR is fair quoted, on sales of 200 bbls., in lots, mainly good to strictly choice Superfine, at $3 50@$3 75. CORN-MEAL is in fair request and is steady, with Brandywine quoted at $3@$3 25; sales of 500 bbls. Yellow Western at $2 75@$2 75; corn-meal by bags, is in good request, at easier prices; coarse City to-day quoted down to $1 04@$1 06 (against $1 07 yesterday).

GRAIN—Wheat-spot has been quite active again to-day, largely in the way of purchases for export account, but in good part also in the speculative line, and prices have advanced 2@3c. ⅌ bush. Winter Wheat is firmly held, and has been the prominent feature of the day's business, rallying on early deliveries about 5c., and, in the option line, 1@2c. ⅌ bushel, the Western trading very sharply after the receipt of the Chicago closing quotations, in anticipation of the Chicago advance. Spring Wheat has been less freely dealt in, but has been quoted stronger, in several instances showing an advance of about 1@2c. ⅌ bushel. Western reports were of strongest but irregular markets. Cable advices of a rather more favorable tenor, have been reported of 103,000 bushels, which, with 126,000 bushels in port, make up 229,000 bushels. No. 1 White at $1 27@$1 28, chiefly at $1 27½@$1 28, closing at $1 28 asked, about (against $1 27 yesterday) for June; $1 28@$1 28½, closing at $1 27¾, closing at $1 27¾ (against $1 25¾ yesterday) for June; $1 28½@$1 29, closing at $1 28¾ (against $1 27¾ yesterday) for July; $1 29@$1 29½, closing at $1 29 asked, (against $1 28¾ yesterday) for August; $1 29½@$1 30, closing at $1 29½ asked, (against $1 29 yesterday) for September; $1 30@$1 30½, closing at $1 30 asked, (against $1 29½ yesterday) for October; $1 30@$1 30½, closing at $1 30 asked, (against $1 29½ yesterday) for November; $1 30@$1 30½, closing at $1 30 asked, (against $1 29½ yesterday) for December; $1 30@$1 30½, closing at $1 30 asked, (against $1 29½ yesterday) for January. No. 2 Red, $1 12@$1 13 ⅌ bush. No. 3 Red, $1 05@$1 06. No. 4 Red, 95@96c. ⅌ bush. No. 2 Chicago, $1 20@$1 21 ⅌ bush. No. 3 Chicago, $1 12@$1 13 ⅌ bush. Rejected Spring, 90@95c. ⅌ bush. Corn—Spot corn has been quite active, and quotations have been forced up 1@2c. ⅌ bush., in sympathy with the Western markets, which have been very active, and quotations have been forced up 1@2c. ⅌ bush. Yesterday's closing quotations were 1@2c. ⅌ bush. higher than the previous day's closing quotations, and to-day the Western markets opened 1@2c. ⅌ bush. higher than yesterday's closing quotations, and closed 1@2c. ⅌ bush. higher than the opening quotations, with considerable excitement. Our market has been very active, and quotations have been forced up 1@2c. ⅌ bush. Sales have been made of 1,000 bushels, at 53c. for Mixed Western, in store; 2,000 bushels, at 53½c. for Mixed Western, delivered; 2,000 bushels, at 53½c. for Mixed Western, delivered, May; 2,000 bushels, at 53½c. for Mixed Western, delivered, June; 2,000 bushels, at 54c. for Mixed Western, delivered, July; 2,000 bushels, at 54½c. for Mixed Western, delivered, August; 2,000 bushels, at 55c. for Mixed Western, delivered, September; 2,000 bushels, at 55½c. for Mixed Western, delivered, October; 2,000 bushels, at 56c. for Mixed Western, delivered, November; 2,000 bushels, at 56½c. for Mixed Western, delivered, December; 2,000 bushels, at 57c. for Mixed Western, delivered, January. Oats have been quiet, and prices have been forced down 1@2c. ⅌ bush. Sales have been made of 2,000 bushels, at 35½c. for Mixed Western, in store; 2,000 bushels, at 36c. for Mixed Western, delivered, May; 2,000 bushels, at 36½c. for Mixed Western, delivered, June; 2,000 bushels, at 37c. for Mixed Western, delivered, July; 2,000 bushels, at 37½c. for Mixed Western, delivered, August; 2,000 bushels, at 38c. for Mixed Western, delivered, September; 2,000 bushels, at 38½c. for Mixed Western, delivered, October; 2,000 bushels, at 39c. for Mixed Western, delivered, November; 2,000 bushels, at 39½c. for Mixed Western, delivered, December; 2,000 bushels, at 40c. for Mixed Western, delivered, January. Rye is quiet, and prices have been forced down 1@2c. ⅌ bush. Sales have been made of 1,000 bushels, at 75c. for Western, in store; 1,000 bushels, at 75½c. for Western, delivered, May; 1,000 bushels, at 76c. for Western, delivered, June; 1,000 bushels, at 76½c. for Western, delivered, July; 1,000 bushels, at 77c. for Western, delivered, August; 1,000 bushels, at 77½c. for Western, delivered, September; 1,000 bushels, at 78c. for Western, delivered, October; 1,000 bushels, at 78½c. for Western, delivered, November; 1,000 bushels, at 79c. for Western, delivered, December; 1,000 bushels, at 79½c. for Western, delivered, January. Barley—Nominal in the absence of demand.

BARLEY-MALT—Slow of sale; quoted unchanged.

SEED—Less sought after and quoted weaker; 40 to 50 lb. quoted at 82c@$1 05; Rye Feed at $22@$23 50; other grades proportionately.

HIDES—Wool Hides have been quite moderately sought after, and about prices have ruled easier. Sales reported have been 11,116 Hides, at 11,000 Hides and 100 pieces, the latter including, according to Messrs. Pickard & Andrews, 1,800 Dry Entre Rios, 814 B.

SHIPPING.

WHITE STAR LINE.
UNITED STATES AND ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.
BOTHIA—The steamer of this line takes the place of the Celtic, recommended by Lloyd's Register, U. S. M. C. and Board of Trade surveyors, and will sail from Pier No. 48 North River, foot of Canal-st., Thursday, May 27, 8 A. M.
ADRIATIC, Capt. Cook, Saturday, June 5, 10 A. M.
BRITANNIC, Capt. Kennedy, Saturday, June 12, 10 A. M.
GERMANIC, Capt. Kennedy, Saturday, June 19, 8 P. M.
From White Star Dock, Liverpool.
These steamers are unsurpassed in speed and accommodation for passengers. The saloons, state-rooms, smoking room and bathrooms are amidships, where the motion is least felt, affording a degree of comfort hitherto unattainable at sea.
Intermediate, $60 and $100; return tickets on favorable terms.
Steerage, $30 and $35; return tickets on favorable terms.
For freight or passage apply to
JOSEPH H. MADDOCK, Agent, No. 10 Bowling Green.

GUION LINE.
UNITED STATES MAIL STEAMERS.
FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.
Sailing Pier No. 39 N. R., foot of King-st.
NEVADA.....Saturday, May 29, 8 A. M.
NEVADA.....Saturday, June 5, 8 A. M.
NEVADA.....Tuesday, June 22, 8 A. M.
NEVADA.....Tuesday, July 6, 8 A. M.
NEVADA.....Tuesday, July 20, 8 A. M.
The above steamers are built of iron, with every requisite to make the passage across the Atlantic both safe and agreeable, viz., Ample accommodation for cabin passengers, drawing rooms, and library; also experienced surgeons, stewardesses, and nurses on board. The saloons are all upper deck, thus affording the greatest amount of light and ventilation and the greatest possible comfort to cabin passengers.
CABIN PASSAGE (according to state-room), $80, $90, and $100; INTERMEDIATE, $40; STEERAGE AT LOW RATES. OFFICES, NO. 29 BROADWAY.
WILLIAMS & GUION.

INMAN LINE ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.
FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.
Sailing every Saturday, at 10 A. M., from Pier No. 45 North River, foot of Vestry-st.
CITY OF PARIS.....Saturday, May 29, 8 A. M.
CITY OF BERLIN.....Saturday, June 12, 8 A. M.
CITY OF MONTREAL.....Thursday, June 17, 10:30 P. M.
CITY OF RICHMOND.....Saturday, June 26, 8:30 A. M.
Train from No. 9 North River, foot of Cherlton-st., Cable, $80 and $100. Return tickets on favorable terms. INTERMEDIATE, $40. Steerage prepaid tickets, $30. Steerage, $20. Steerage passengers will find the accommodations on these steamers to be unsurpassed by any other line. These steamers do not carry cattle, sheep, or pigs.
JOHN G. DALE, Agent,
Pier 45 and 38 North River, New-York.
Philadelphia Office, No. 105 South 4th-st.

ANCHOR LINE S. S. MAIL STEAMERS.
NEW-YORK AND GLASGOW.
From Pier No. 20 North River, New-York.
Devonia.....May 29, 9 A. M. | Anchoria.....June 12, 3 A. M.
Bolivia.....June 5, 3 P. M. | Ethiopia.....June 19, 8 P. M.
These steamers are built of iron, have saloons on deck, Cabins, $60 to $80. Excursion tickets at reduced rates. Steerage, $30 to Glasgow, Londonderry, Belfast or Liverpool.
NEW-YORK TO LONDON DIRECT.
From Pier 20 North River, foot of Charles-st.
Valentia.....May 26, 1 P. M. | California.....May 29, 9 A. M.
These steamers are built of iron, have saloons on deck, Cabins, $60 and $80. Excursion tickets at reduced rates.
HENDERSON BROTHERS, Agents, 7 Bowling Green.

GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY
(Compagnie Générale Transatlantique).
Company's Pier, (new) No. 42 North River, foot of Morton-st.
Travelers by this line avoid both transit by English railway and the discomforts of crossing the Channel in a small boat.
ST. LAURENT, SAINTE, ... Wed., May 26, 7:30 P. M.
PEREIRE, de LIGNAC, ... Wednesday, June 2, 1:30 P. M.
AMERIQUE, R. Surcouf, ... Wednesday, June 9, 6:30 A. M.
Checks drawn on Credit Lyonnais of Paris in amounts to suit.
For freight and passage apply to
LOUIS DE RIVIAL, Agent, No. 6 Bowling Green.

STATE LINE.
TO GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, DUBLIN, BELFAST, AND LONDONDERRY.
Pier No. 45, foot of Canal-st., N. R.
STATE OF NEVADA.....Thursday, May 27, 8 A. M.
STATE OF ALABAMA.....Thursday, June 3, 2 P. M.
Cabin, $80 to $100, according to accommodation; Intermediate, $40; Steerage, $30. Round trip, cabin, $145 up; Intermediate, $75; Steerage, $56. Second cabin, $40; children, half price. Steerage prepaid, $30. Excursion tickets, $75. Steerage, $56.
For freight and passage apply to
AUSTIN BALDWIN & CO., General Agents,
No. 52 Broadway, New-York.

CUNARD LINE.
NOTICE—"LANE ROUTE."
FROM PIER 40 NORTH RIVER.
GALLIA.....Wednesday, May 26, 7 A. M.
BOTHNIA.....Wednesday, June 2, noon
ALGERIA.....Wednesday, June 9, 8 P. M.
SCOTIA.....Wednesday, June 16, 11 A. M.
Cabin passage and return tickets on favorable terms. Steerage tickets to and from all parts of Europe at very low rates. For freight, apply to Agency, No. 2 Bowling Green.
CHAS. A. FRENCHELLI, Agent.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL.
NORTH GERMAN LLOYD.
STEAMSHIP LINE BETWEEN NEW-YORK, SOUTHAMPTON AND BREMEN.
NECKAR.....Sat., May 29
SALIER.....Wed., May 26 | RHEIN.....Sat., June 5
SOUTHAMPTON, HAVRE, OR BREMEN.
First Cabin.....$100
Second Cabin.....$60
Steerage.....30
Return tickets at reduced rates. Prepaid steerage certificates from Bremen to all points in the South of England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales.
OELRICHS & Co., No. 2 Bowling Green.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL.
NORTH GERMAN LLOYD.
The following steamers will sail as extra steamers, taking first class passengers only:
Weser.....May 26, 2 P. M.
Ems.....June 2, 2 P. M.
OELRICHS & Co., No. 2 Bowling Green.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL.
Hamburg American Packet Company's Line for HAVRE, CHERBOURG, and HAMBURG.
GELLERT.....May 27 | HERDER.....June 10
LESSING.....June 3 | SILVIA.....June 17
Rates of passage: Cabin, $60 and $70, according to state-room. Steerage, $30. Circular tickets for Hamburg, and all points in the South of England: First Cabin, $110; Second Cabin, $60; Steerage, $36.
KUHLENKAMP, J. A. SCHUMACHER & CO., General Agents, General Passenger Agents,
No. 61 Broad-st., N. Y. No. 61 Broadway, N. Y.

ROTTERDAM LINE.
N. V. Stoomvaart Maatschappij Nederland.
Will leave Cortlandt Pier, adj. Pavonia Ferry, Jersey City.
GELDERLAND.....Saturday, May 29
AMSTERDAM.....Saturday, June 12
Cabin, $60 and $70; 2d Cabin, $35 and $40; Steerage, $26. Apply to HOLLAND AMERICAN LINE, No. 77 South William-st.
JUNGE, BOYE & COMP., Agents, No. 2 Broadway.
F. A. WIN-ST., Freight Agent, 50 Broad-way, Gen. Passage Agt.

NATIONAL LINE.—FROM NEW PIER, 50 N. R.
FOR LONDON (Victoria Docks).
Camania Sat., May 29 | Scythia Sat., June 5, 2 P. M.
FOR LIVERPOOL AND QUEENSTOWN.
Bothnia, Wed., May 26, 7 A. M. | Siberia, Sat., May 29, 1:30 P. M.
Celtic, Wed., June 2, 7 A. M. | Britannic, Sat., June 5, 1:30 P. M.
Rates, $80 and $100 and upward. Steerage, $30 and $35 to Liverpool, Queenstown, Londonderry, Belfast, Glasgow. Excursion tickets at reduced rates. Steerage tickets to and from all parts of Europe at lowest rates. Drafts payable on demand. For freight or passage, apply at office, No. 69 Broadway.
F. W. HURST, Manager.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY.
Pier foot of Canal-st., North River.
FOR SAN FRANCISCO via ISTHMUS OF PANAMA:
Saturday, May 29, at 12 M., with connecting steamers for Central and South America and Mexico.
Passage to Liverpool, Queenstown, London, Paris, and Havre, $100 and upwards.
FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO JAPAN AND CHINA:
From SAN FRANCISCO to HONOLULU, NEW-ZEALAND, and AUSTRALIA:
Saturday, June 5, noon, with connecting steamers for Hong-Kong, Yokohama, and Australian ports.
Passage to Honolulu, $50; to Australia, $150 and upwards.
Tickets and general information apply at company's office on the pier, foot of Canal-st., North River.
FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU, JAPAN, CHINA, NEW-ZEALAND, AUSTRALIA, SOUTH AMERICA, CENTRAL AMERICA, and MEXICAN PORTS.
Tickets and for information in regard to routes apply to the TICKET OFFICE, No. 1 BROADWAY.
R. J. SEWALL, H. J. BULLAY,
General Passenger Agent. Superintendent.

SAVANNAH AND FLORIDA.
From Pier No. 40 North River, (new No. 35), foot of Spring-st.
AT 3 P. M. Wednesday and Saturday.
GATE CITY, Capt. DAGGETT.....Wednesday, May 26
CITY OF MACON, Capt. KEMPTON.....Saturday, May 29
Connecting with the Central Railroad of Georgia, the Savannah, Florida and Western Railroad, and with the new and elegant steamer FLORIDA, just built for this company, and designed expressly for the INSIDE ROUTE to Jacksonville and all points in Florida.
GEO. FOWLE, Agent,
Pier 40 North River.
W. G. MCDONALD, General F. & P. Agt. Central R. R. of Ga.
409 Broadway.

R. L. HAVANA AND MEXICAN MAIL S. S. LINE.
Steamers leave Pier 34 North River at 3 P. M.
FOR HAVANA DIRECT.
AND VERA CRUZ VIA HAVANA.
Calling at PROGRESO, CAMPECHE and FRONTERA.
CITY OF WASHINGTON, (Havana only).....Sat., May 29
CITY OF TEXAS, (Havana & Mexico).....Wed., June 2
These steamers are furnished with Mason's swinging berths in state room, and all table delicacies, and meals are served at a carte without extra charge.
Connecting City of Mexico will leave N. O. June 5 and N. York June 9 via Texas Railroad, Passage, Gold Tickets.
E. ALTAMIRA & SONS, 8 Bowling Green.

NEW-YORK AND HAVANA DIRECT MAIL LINE.
These first-class steamships sail regularly at 3 P. M. from Pier No. 9 North River, as follows:
LEWIS DE CUBA, Capt. Foote.....Thursday, May 13
Accommodations reserved. For freight of passage apply to WILLIAM F. OLYER & Co., No. 84 Broad-way. GAYTON BROS., Agents in Havana.

NEW-YORK AND CUBA MAIL S. S. LINE
FROM PIER NO. 16 EAST RIVER, AT 3 P. M.
Excellent accommodations for passengers.
S. S. SARATOGA.....Thursday, May 27
S. S. NIAGARA.....Thursday, June 3
JAMES E. WARD & CO. NO. 113 Wall-st.

CHARLESTON LINE.
STEAMSHIPS SAIL EVERY SUNDAY, at 3 P. M.
SOMERS CASTLE.....WEDNESDAY, May 26
GEORGE CLYMER.....SATURDAY, May 29
FOR ALL POINTS SOUTH & SOUTH-WEST.
Through bills of lading and full information at office, on the pier, or A. D. HARRIS, Gen'l Agent, No. 317 Broadway.

RAILROADS.

NEW-YORK CENTRAL AND HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD.
Trains will leave Grand Central Depot:
7 A. M., Western and North Western express, with Pullman Palace Cars attached, for Rochester, Niagara Falls, and Buffalo.
10:30 A. M., Chicago and Western Express (Sundays excepted), for Albany and troy, with connections for Saratoga, Niagara Falls, Buffalo, Rochester, Utica, Syracuse, Oswego, Ogdensburg, Watertown, Clayton, Alexandria Bay, Trenton Falls, and Richfield Springs.
1 P. M., Albany and Troy Express, with reclining chair cars, running through every day in the week, for Albany and all points North, West and Northwest.
4:30 P. M., Express for Albany and Troy, with connections for Saratoga, Glens Falls, Montreal, Ticonderoga, and points in Northern New-York.
7 P. M., Pacific Express, with Pullman Palace Cars, for Albany, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Cleveland, Toledo, Detroit, Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, and points West and Southwest.
11:30 P. M., Night Express, daily, with sleeping cars for Albany, Troy, Saratoga, Montreal, Ticonderoga, and points in Northern New-York.
Sleeping cars to Albany, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Cleveland, Toledo, Detroit, Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, and points West and Southwest.
Tickets and information at office, 413 Broadway, and at Grand Central Depot.
Baggage checked from residences by Baggage Express Company.
HENRY B. PAMELEE, General Ticket Agent.

HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD.
Trains will leave Depot, Hudson-st., foot of Chambers-st., as follows:
6 A. M., daily, except Sundays, Cincinnati and Chicago Express. Drawing-room cars to Buffalo.
6 P. M., daily, Pacific St. Louis Express, arriving at Buffalo 3 A. M., connecting with fast trains to the West and South-west. Pullman's best drawing-room sleeping coaches to Buffalo.
7 P. M., daily, Pacific Express to the West. Sleeping coaches through to Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Cincinnati, and Chicago without change.
7:15 P. M., except Sundays, Western Emigrant Train. Above trains leave Twenty-third-Street Ferry at 5:30 A. M., 5:45 and 6:45 P. M.
For local trains and time-tables and cards in hotels and depot. JNO. X. ABBOTT, General Passenger Agent.

LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD.
PASSENGER TRAINS, on and after May 10, 1880, will leave depots, foot of Cortlandt and Destrosses sts., at 9 A. M., 2 P. M., and 6:30 P. M. for Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown, Reading, Mauch Chunk, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Waverly, Ithaca, Geneva, Lyons, Buffalo and the West. Pullman sleeping cars attached to 6:30 P. M. train.
Trains leaving at 7 A. M. and 2 P. M. connect for all points in Mahanoy and Hazleton coal regions.
ROBT. H. SAYRE, Gen'l Supt.
E. B. BYINGTON, G. P. A.
General Eastern office, corner Church and Cortlandt sts.
C. H. DUMMING, Agent.

WICKFORD ROUTE TO NEWPORT, R. I.
Leave Grand Central Depot via New-Haven Railroad, at 3:30 and 7 P. M. daily, except Sundays; due at Newport at 4:18 and 8 P. M. Drawing-room cars on 7 P. M. train. THEO. WARREN, Superintendent.

EXCURSIONS.

STARIN'S GLEN ISLAND,
NEW-ROCHELLE HARBOR, LONG ISLAND SOUND.
WILL OPEN EARLY IN JUNE.
A rare treat in store for New-Yorkers.
A RHODE ISLAND CLAM-BAKE served daily in the magnificent Dining-hall of the Club-house, under supervision of Hiram D. Maxfield, the celebrated caterer.
MAMMOTH DANCING PAVILION (music daily), FOUNTAINS, BOWLING-ALLEYS, CONSERVATORY, ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN, FISH-PONDS, BOATING, AND BATHING.
Elegant steamers will run every two hours.
For boat sailings and time-table of boats, watch the daily papers. Office, 1 for 16, foot of Cortlandt-st.

MANHATTAN BEACH.
ROAD AND HOTEL OPEN FOR BUSINESS, MAY 27, 1880.
THE NEW ORIENTAL HOTEL WILL BE OPENED ABOUT JULY 1.
FOR EXCURSIONS.—THE PEOPLE'S FAVORITE steamer LONG BRANCH, and Ocean Beach, Capt. Myers, Morton, and Geddings. Also, Oceanus, Capt. Young, and Mary Powell, Capt. Bell, foot Spring, Linden, and Eaglewood Groves. With over 20 years' experience, I can safely guarantee perfect satisfaction. All boats decorated with flags.
J. MYERS, corner of Morton and West sts.

ELECTIONS.

OFFICE OF THE DELAWARE AND HUDSON CANAL COMPANY, NEW-YORK, May 12, 1880.
AT A MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of the DELAWARE AND HUDSON CANAL COMPANY, held at the office of the company, in the City of New-York, on Tuesday, the 11th inst., the following named gentlemen were elected managers for the ensuing year:
ABIEL A. LOW,
JAMES M. HALSTED,
LEONARD W. CANNON,
JAMES B. TAYLOR,
THOMAS W. PYNCHON,
JOHN JACOB ASTOR,
THOMAS CORNELL,
GEO. CABOT WARD,
ROBERT S. HONE,
JAMES ROOSEVELT,
LEVI P. MORTON,
ADOLPHUS S. HAMILTON,
ABRAHAM N. VAN HORNE.
And at a meeting of the board of managers, held this day, Thomas Dickson, Esq., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.
By order of the Board. GEORGE L. HALSEY, Secretary.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY,
OFFICE, NO. 2 N. R.
PIER FOOT OF CANAL-ST., NORTH RIVER.
NEW-YORK, May 11, 1880.
THE THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING of the stockholders of the PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY will be held at the office of the company, Pier foot of Canal-st., North River, in the City of New-York, on WEDNESDAY, the 26th of May, 1880, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon, and 2 o'clock P. M. for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it. The transfer books of the company will close at the office of the Union Trust Company, on Monday, the 17th of May, 1880, at 3 o'clock P. M., and will reopen on Thursday, the 27th of May, 1880, at 10 o'clock A. M.
W. H. LANE, Secretary.
CHICAGO AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY,
CHICAGO, ILL., April 24, 1880.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of this company for the election of Directors, pursuant to law, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before said meeting, will be held at the office of the company in Chicago on THURSDAY, June 3 next, at 1 o'clock P. M. Transfer books close April 30, inst., and reopen June 4.
Stockholders will authenticate their voting bonds by registration. ALBERT KEEP, President.
H. L. DICKS, Secretary.

COLUMBUS, CHICAGO AND INDIANA CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, MAY 11, 1880.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of this company for the election of Directors and for the transaction of such other business as may come before said meeting, will be held at the office of the company, on Wednesday, the 26th day of May, 1880, between the hours of 11 and 1 o'clock A. M.
The transfer books will be closed from May 21 to June 4 inclusive. GORDON MOORE, Secretary.

BOSTON AND NEW-YORK AIR-LINE RAILROAD COMPANY,
SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
BRIDGEPORT, CONN., May 7, 1880.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of this company for the election of Directors and the transaction of any other business proper to said meeting will be held in the Common Council Rooms, at the City of Bridgeport, Conn., on Tuesday, June 1, 1880, at 1 o'clock P. M. The transfer books will be closed for 10 days prior to said meeting.
FRANK SAUNDERS, Secretary.

DES MOINES AND FORT DODGE R. R. CO.
A MEETING of the stockholders and bondholders of this company will be held at the office of the President, CHARLES F. WHITEHEAD, Esq., No. 61 Wall-st., New-York, on the 25 day of June, 1880, at noon, for the purpose of election of three Directors, and also for the purpose of the election by the bondholders of a new Trustee under their mortgage in place of the New-York State Loan and Trust Company. By order of the board. FRANK SAUNDERS, Secretary.

CHICAGO, ROCK ISLAND AND PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY,
ROCK ISLAND, ILL., April 26, 1880.
ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.
For the purpose of preparing the list of stockholders entitled to vote at the annual meeting, as provided in Section XIII. of the by-laws, the books of transfer will be closed on the 15th day of May, and reopened on the 1st day of June.
THEO. WYGANT, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, May 5, 1880.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREholders of the Illinois Central Railroad Company, for the election of Directors and transaction of other business, will be held at the company's office in the City of Chicago, on WEDNESDAY, the 26th May inst., at 12 o'clock noon. The stock transfer books will be closed after the 8th inst. until the 1st of June next.
L. A. GATLIN, Secretary.

THE MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW-YORK,
Nos. 144 to 146 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, May 22, 1880.
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A THRONG AT CONEY ISLAND

THE BOATS BEGINNING THEIR SUMMER TRIPS.

A LIVELY SUNDAY AT WEST BRIGHTON BEACH—THE EASTERN END OF THE ISLAND BURIED IN SOLITUDE—BREEZES AND BLACK CLOUDS.

The regular excursion season to Coney Island may be said to have begun yesterday, when the steamer John Sylvester made three, and the Minnie Cornell, two, trips from this City. The Brighton Beach Railroad and the Prospect Park and Coney Island Railroad also ran trains every quarter of an hour during the greater part of the day, and it was estimated that by all these routes from 15,000 to 20,000 persons fled from the heat of New-York and Brooklyn, and took refuge in the sands of Coney Island. The boats on the morning trips carried comparatively few passengers, but on the afternoon trips they went comfortably loaded. At the docks from which they started the scene lacked that life and excitement which characterized the departures of the steamers last Summer, owing to the absence of the vigorous and impertinent runners. None of these pestered the passengers yesterday, and the result was that nobody found himself on the wrong boat, or purchased Rockaway tickets for the trip to Coney Island. All tickets were sold on the boats, and thus all confusion and annoyance was done away with. The trip down the Bay was made under a stiff breeze, but, as everybody had left the City to get air, this was looked upon as a blessing rather than a misfortune, and all who could crowd upon the decks maintained their positions in the open air to the end of the sail. The water off the island was ruffled just enough to impart a gentle rolling motion to the boat, but not enough to cause sea-sickness to the most sensitive stomach, and all who made the trip by water enjoyed it thoroughly.

The Sylvester landed her passengers at the Iron Pier, which looks at a distance precisely like a giant hotel stretching out into the ocean, and here the usual pushing and scrambling was done to force a passage through the narrow gates, where the tickets to the Pier are taken up. But once through these, what looked like quite a crowd of people on the steamer, seemed to vanish suddenly, and hardly made a respectable appearance on the grand promenade of the monster pier. There were no attractions to hold the passengers on the pier, the arrangements for its formal opening for the season not having been completed as yet, and all who landed passed directly to the beach. Here, from the west end to Manhattan Beach, thousands were strolling on the sands all the afternoon, but to the visitor who remembered Coney Island in the height of the season, when it holds a population great enough to make a large city, these thousands were a mere speck upon the long and glistening beach. The breeze, blowing in from the ocean, was cool and refreshing. If anything, it was too cool, but the men and women who had been pent up in the heated City for the past week, drank it in eagerly, and felt none of its inconveniences. The surf ran moderately high, and the water was too cold to admit of bathing with either pleasure or safety to health, even had the bathing pavilions been open for business so that the great attraction to visitors to the island, the spectacle of thousands plunging in the ocean waves, was utterly wanting. The sun shone brightly over the waters during most of the afternoon, but heavy clouds fringed the horizon far out to sea, and they heightened the effect of the dancing waves by furnishing a dark and solemn background to the picture.

At the west end of the island only was anything to be seen at all resembling the life and gayety which will characterize the entire beach a month from now. In the vicinity of the Iron Pier all the usual Summer attractions were displayed, and here, as a natural consequence, the greater part of the visitors lingered. Here quantities of beer were absorbed by the visitors from the City, and here, alone, was to be found the only music on the island, the first Sunday concert of the season being given by Conterno's Military Band of 40 pieces. The camera obscura was in position, but it found few patrons, and the attractions of the observatory appealed to but few. It was a very quiet and undemonstrative crowd that went to Coney Island yesterday, and it contented itself with drinking lager in moderation, and the salt sea air in unlimited quantities.

Along the ocean, from the West End to Manhattan Beach, there was a straggling line of people all day, but few stopped at any point except West Brighton for any length of time. They made the trip to Manhattan Beach for the benefit of the stroll along the sea-shore, and at once returned to the Iron Pier to join the life which centred about it. Inland, everything was dull and dreary. Winter aspect, or rather the gloomier aspect of the transition state from death to life. The bar and and parlor of the Brighton Hotel were open, and here a few persons gathered, while more congregated on the veranda looking out to the ocean, but there was nothing here to hold any body long, and there was a stillness about the hotel which contrasted painfully with the recollections of past days of trouble and enjoyment. The fountain was open to the public, but nobody wanted soda on a breezy day, and the cashier of the pharmacy found time hang heavy on his hands. There was a fortune-teller and a mysterious writer, who offered, for the modesty fee of 10 cents, to accommodate his patrons with any kind of a fortune, and throw in a chromo, but he sat solitary and unheeded in his little box, listening to the sad sea waves. The dealers in jewelry made of clam-shells and other curious productions of the sea did quite a thriving business, selling their wares at a profit of about a thousand per cent., at the Brighton Bathing Pavilion, but they were about the only peddlers in that vicinity whose pockets will be heavier for the day's work.

At Manhattan Beach the scene was even gloomier than at Brighton. The Manhattan Railway was not running, and the proprietors of the hotel were, therefore, not obliged to throw open their doors to the public. The steps leading to the grand piazza were barricaded, and a board with the legend "Positively no Admission," met one in the face at almost every step. The grand music-stand was boarded up, and the progress to the beach in front of the hotel was blockaded by huge pieces of timber. Everything was dull, dead, and dispiriting, and everybody instead of warmed after leaving the surroundings. Next Sunday all this will be changed. At the Manhattan, there will be a transformation scene, and the beach will probably be thronged with hundreds of the very persons who yesterday found it so desolate and cheerless. The trip yesterday, while it would give to a stranger no idea of Coney Island in its glory, was heartily enjoyed by all who made it, and gave to many a weary man and woman new strength and energy to begin again the struggles of a practical working life to-day.

ICEBERGS ON EVERY HAND.

THE SOUND THAT STARTLED THE SEAMEN ON THE SHIP ST. PAUL.

The dangers arising from the numbers of huge icebergs which are now drifting directly in the track of vessels sailing between this country and Europe is shown in the experience of the ship St. Paul, which arrived from Liverpool yesterday. Capt. Williams reports that as soon as he reached the Banks a dense fog set in. On the 11th, in latitude 42° 13' and longitude 50° 32', one large iceberg and two smaller ones could be discerned through the mist. The fog became very dense on the following day, and the vessel proceeded slowly, while a sharp lookout was kept up. The temperature of the air denoted the presence of ice, and during the day a sound like that of a heavy surf dashing against the rocks could be plainly heard. This sound was caused by the sea breaking against the walls of a large iceberg near by, but which, owing to the dense fog, could not be seen. The iceberg was liable to drift down upon the ship at any moment. Many of the sailors were frightened, imagining that they heard the roar of the sea against the ice growing louder. The sound, however, afterward came from astern as the ship sailed on, but the anxiety of the crew was still very great. Next day another large iceberg was passed. Capt. Williams decided to lie-to under short sail for a time. On the 16th a heavy gale from north-north-east set in and continued for 10 hours. When the storm had abated, the fog was still too thick for the ship to proceed. She lay to for three days, and at the expiration of this time the mist cleared away and revealed quantities of ice in the neighborhood. The St. Paul now proceeded, but met with thick weather until port was reached.

The Dutch steam-ship Schiedam, which arrived from Rotterdam yesterday, sighted a large number of icebergs on the 16th, in latitude 44° and longitude 48°, and she was obliged to steam some 30 miles to the southward in order to pass clear of them. On the following day, in latitude 46° and longitude 52°, another large iceberg was passed.

NEWLY-ORDAINED PRIESTS.

The Rev. Thomas MacMillan, one of the priests ordained by Bishop Lynch, of Charleston, in the Church of St. Paul the Apostle on Saturday, was the celebrant of a solemn high mass in the same edifice yesterday. He was assisted by Father Nevins, as deacon; Father Crosson, as sub-deacon; Father O'Gorman, as assistant priest, and Father Burns, as master of ceremonies. Bishop Lynch preached a brief sermon on the Holy Trinity. The other priests who were ordained with Father MacMillan were the Rev. Charles D. Cronin, of New-York, and the Rev. Samuel B. Hodges, of Ohio. Messrs. C. J. Burns, George J. Causey, and T. Morrison received minor orders. All will, for the present, remain members of the community attached to the Church of St. Paul the Apostle.

SUICIDE ON BLACKWELL'S ISLAND.

Coroner Ellinger was called upon yesterday to investigate the circumstances attending the suicide of Elizabeth Wagner, an inmate of the Lunatic Asylum on Blackwell's Island. The deceased was 40 years of age, and a native of Maytack, Hesse Darmstadt. She was the widow of Philip Wagner, a carpenter, who died seven years ago, and up to the time of her admission to the asylum lived with her son and daughter at No. 177 Stanton street. She had within a period of five years lost her husband and four children, and she became deranged in consequence. Recently she developed a mania for suicide, and her relatives fearing that she would put an end to her existence despite all their watchfulness, placed her in charge of Dr. Wells, Island. She was admitted to the asylum on the 1st inst., and under the care of Dr. Franklin, the Medical Superintendent, appeared to improve. She was regarded as perfectly harmless. On Saturday afternoon she, in company with some 30 other female patients, was permitted to walk in the grounds adjoining the asylum. The females were under care of three female attendants. Shortly before 6 o'clock, while the women were returning to the asylum, Mrs. Wagner suddenly broke away from her companions, and, running swiftly down to the water's edge, on the east side of the island, leaped into the East River. She was rescued in a conscious condition, but died from the effects of the shock three hours later.

A BILL WITH A BAD PURPOSE.

BELIEVING STREET SURFACE RAILROADS FROM TAXATION AS REAL ESTATE.

The following bill—one of the series reported to the Legislature by the Joint Committee on Taxation—passed the Assembly on Friday last, and it now goes to the Governor for his approval:

"SECTION 1. Section 2 of title 1 of chapter 13 of part 1 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. The term 'lands' as used in this chapter shall be construed to include the land itself, including land under water, all buildings and other structures erected upon or affixed to the same, all wharves or piers, including the value of the right or grant to collect wharfage or dockage thereon, all bridges, railroad structures, superstructures, and tracks, and the iron thereon, and including the improvements, iron, and other fixtures owned by any railroad company, and permitted or authorized to be made, laid, or placed in, upon, above, or under any public road, street, or grounds, except street surface railroads, all gas, oil, steam, heat, and water pipes owned by any incorporated company, including such pipes laid in any public street or place, telegraph-poles and wires, poles and other fixtures used for electric light or for telephone companies, all trees and underwood growing thereon, and all mines, minerals, and quarries in and under the same, except mines belonging to the State; and the terms 'real estate' and 'real property,' whenever they occur in this chapter, shall be construed as having the same meaning as the term 'lands' thus defined."

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect immediately."

Not one in fifty who reads this proposed law would think it other than what it seems to be—a commendable effort to specifically define the terms "lands," "real estate," and "real property" as they occur in the Revised Statutes. There is, however, an "African" of very large proportions skillfully concealed in this apparently harmless bill. It looks to the eye as if its only effect would be made subject to taxation a very large amount of property under the head of "lands." But in reality, if it becomes a law, the result will be the cutting off from the assessment-rolls of property amounting to several millions of dollars which is now subject to taxation. The huge "African" is found in the four words, "except street surface railroads." The present law, as construed by the courts, covers every item enumerated in the above bill. With the exception of gas-pipes, they are all now assessed in this City. Gas-pipes are also reached by the law, but it has not yet been applied to them. The proposed law, therefore, adds not one particle of weight to the statutes, but, on the contrary, materially weakens them by taking away the power to tax the millions represented by the structures of the street surface railroads throughout the State. The exception is so nicely hid in the many words of the bill that no one would notice it without a careful reading. It was not in the original draft of the bill as it passed the Assembly, but was put in by the Senate, and was concurred in by the lower house. Just who is the real author of the proposed exception is a question, but of the fact that the bill as now worded is wholly in the interest of the street railroad corporations there can be no doubt. The present Legislature has made unusual pretensions to a desire to give the people of this State "reform." In relation, particularly in such a revision of the laws governing taxation as will help to make large corporations carry at least their share of the burden of taxation. That the Legislature should pass a law specifically exempting from taxation such important corporations as street surface railroads is, under the circumstances, a very extraordinary proceeding.

POSTPONING A FUNERAL.

THREE MOURNERS WHO STOOD AROUND A COFFIN IN A CANAL-STREET HOUSE.

August Frederich Armroid, of No. 100 Pineapple-street, Brooklyn, excitedly demanded at the Coroner's office, yesterday, that the funeral of his wife, which was to take place during the day at No. 187 Canal-street, should be delayed until it could be learned whether his suspicions that her death was due to unnatural causes were well founded. Armroid, who gave his occupation as that of an artist employed in a photograph gallery at No. 16 Hoyt-street, Brooklyn, told the story of his unfortunate marital experience. He was married, he said, June 28, 1876, to Lizzie, the daughter of Charles Schultz, residing at No. 17 Middagh-street, Brooklyn. She was then 19 years old. She formed the acquaintance of some gay young people and Armroid's troubles then began. About two months ago she was introduced to a Charles Collins, the son of a boiler-maker in Third-street, Brooklyn, with whom she became infatuated. Two weeks later she deserted her husband, came to New-York, and took apartments with Collins, at Canal-street and the Bowery. Armroid met them on the street together last Monday night, and begged her to return to his home. She refused. On Saturday Mr. Schultz received a telegram from Collins announcing that his daughter was dead, and that her funeral would take place on Sunday (yesterday.) Schultz and Armroid, believing that she had either been foully dealt with or had committed suicide, visited No. 187 Canal-street yesterday morning. Collins assured them that her death was due to pneumonia. They refused to believe him, and he agreed to postpone the further services until the afternoon.

After listening to the story, Clerk Toal directed a search to be made of the records of the Health Department. A certificate of death was found filed in proper form, indicating that Lizzie Collins had died at 6 A. M. on the 22d inst. of pneumonia, after an illness of seven days. This was the only name the woman was known by in the Canal-street house. The certificate bore the signature of Dr. George W. Holmes, of No. 267 Broome-street. As the Doctor is a reputable physician, Clerk Toal declined to interfere in the matter. Armroid hurried back to Canal-street, where he discovered that Schultz meanwhile had hunted up Dr. Holmes, and was now satisfied that the death of his daughter was caused by pneumonia. The funeral, it was then agreed, should proceed, and father, husband, and paramour stood around the coffin while the services were being conducted.

TWO RUNAWAY GIRLS.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST A BARGE OFFICE BOATMAN.

An officer of the Twenty-seventh Precinct found two young girls wandering about in the neighborhood of West-street Saturday night, and as they appeared to be vagrants, he took them to the station-house. They gave their names as Kitty Hunter, aged 15, and Minnie Hull, aged 13, and said they came to this City from New-Haven to meet some friends, but failed to find them, and they had no money with which to return home. They were sent to Police Head-quarters, where Matron Webb took charge of them. Inspector Thorne questioned the girls yesterday, and Kitty Hunter told a remarkable story. She said that she was an orphan, and had been adopted by the family of Capt. C. C. Hull, master of the schooner Mary G. Beattie, who was the father of her companion. She was led astray by her step-brother about a year ago, and since then she had not lived a moral life. She induced Minnie to come with her to this City last Friday, where she believed Capt. Hull's schooner was lying, intending to return on the schooner to New-Haven. When the girls arrived here they could not find the schooner. As they were penniless, they walked the streets on Friday night. Minnie sold a new pair of shoes that she wore on the following morning for a dollar, and bought a pair of slippers for 50 cents. They fared well on this sum, and on Saturday evening, while strolling about the Battery, they met two men, who induced them to take a sail in a small boat. They remained on the water until after nightfall. While they were in the boat one of the men committed an assault on the younger girl. After the girls were landed they wandered about until they fell into the hands of the Police. Minnie corroborated the story of her companion. Inspector Thorne detailed Detectives Ferris and Handy, of the Central Office, to search for the wretch, and William Geary, a watchman, employed at the new Barge Office, was identified as the man by Kitty Hunter, who accompanied the officers during the search. Geary is 30 years of age. He is married and lives with his wife and four children at No. 10 Rose-street. He denied all knowledge of the affair, but was positively identified by both of the girls. He will be taken to Court to-day, and in the meantime the relatives of the injured child have been notified to come on to this City and take charge of her.

THE QUEENS COUNTY FAIR.

A special meeting of the Queens County Agricultural Society was held at the Fair-grounds, Mineola, on Saturday, to chose a Vice-President in place of the late Surrogate Hagner. Charles J. Stewart, of Jamaica, was elected to the position. Arrangements for the fourteenth summer exhibition, to be held on the 17th and 18th of June, are now completed, and the schedule of premiums has been issued. Prizes ranging in value from $1 to $15 are offered in the departments of vegetables, fruits, landscape gardening, and flowers. In the department of horses 21 prizes are offered, as follows: Gentleman's road-horse, owned in the county, which has never competed for advertisement, $50; other valuable consideration, except upon the grounds of the society, $30, $15, and $5; stallions, open to all competition, $25 and $10; to the following classes, owned and bred in the county: Colts or fillies, 2 years old, $15 and $10; mare or gelding, 3 years old, $15 and $10; mare or gelding, 4 years old, $15 and $10; single road-horse, $20, $15, and $5; single road-horse, over 5 years, $20, $10, and $5; single road-horse, under 5 years, $20, $10, and $5; single road-horse, $20, $10, and $5; single road-horse, under 5 years, $20, $10, and $5; single road-horse, under 5 years, $20, $10, and $5; single road-horse, under 5 years